

August 23, 2007 Minutes

Enfield Heritage Commission

The Enfield Heritage Commission met August 23, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference room. Those in attendance were: Suzanne Hinman, Rebecca Stewart, Marjorie Carr, Town Manager, Steve Schneider, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on her conversations with Christine Fonda Rankie and the staff at the office for the National Register. She told the Commission that the US Department of the Interior has several publications available for towns interested in applying for National Historic Register status. Smith will look into ordering some of these publications. Several properties were discussed as possible examples illustrating the positive effects of rehabilitation. Smith agreed to check with Paul Mirski before finalizing the list. Steve Schneider will need proposals for the upcoming budget on his desk by September 28. Smith will work on the proposal from the Heritage Commission to fund the historic researcher to prepare the National Register application.

Steve Schneider explained what “Certified Local Government” meant and what might be involved if Enfield were to apply. All agreed that this could be put to one side until the National Register work was completed and a historic district in place.

Suzanne Hinman presented the mock up of the walking tour brochure for Enfield Village, a project of the Enfield village Association. All agreed Ms. Hinman had done an excellent job and thanked her for her efforts.

A brief discussion of the town properties list was held. Steve Schneider told the Commission that six properties would be sold by the town in mid-October.

Rebecca Stewart updated the Commission on the Enfield Center Town House theater drops (or curtains). Two belong to the Grange and the other four belong to the town, including one, which was once in Whitney Hall. Cris Hadsel of the Vermont Curtain Project has examined the drops and will be sending the town her recommendations for how to preserve them.

Smith reported that the concert that was to be held at the Enfield Shaker Museum the previous weekend had been canceled due to the death of one of the musicians. She also mentioned that the NH Historic Resources Council had held their quarterly meeting at the Museum in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair