

January 26, 2006 Minutes

Enfield Heritage Commission

The Enfield Heritage Commission met at Whitney Hall conference room on January 26, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The entire commission was in attendance (Nancy Scovner, Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Haagan, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith).

Mary Ann Haagan reported the wonderful news of a major donor paying off all the mortgage debts of the Museum. She spoke of the new direction the Museum will now be taking, focusing on mission driven programming. She also mentioned that the Museum will be reaching out to Enfield citizens to join the Museum as it is such an important part of Enfield.

Mary Ann asked who at the state level might be called upon to do an energy audit of the Great Stone Dwelling (or any of the Museum's buildings). Meredith will follow up with Councilor Ray Burton at the Town Manager's reception on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Meredith updated the Commission on the status of the historic marker project. The Mascoma Foundation has given EVA \$1500 towards the purchase of six historic markers. The properties to be identified are: Whitney Hall/Library Building, Copeland Block, Enfield Advocate Building, Fogg's Hardware Store Building, Williams Department Store Building, and the Lutheran/Universalist Church. Marjorie suggested we contact Dimitri Gerakaris regarding the fabrication of the markers. Meredith will call Dimitri next week.

A brief discussion of the Enfield Center Town Hall resulted in the Commission agreeing there was little that could be done right now except keep an eye on the building to insure it was in good repair and be alert to any possibilities of land nearby, including expansion of the present site. Marjorie mentioned that 10 years ago, the Muzzy family asked \$200,000 for land abutting the town house. Marjorie has utilized the building from time to time for library storage.

Towards the end of the meeting, Nancy Scovner brought up the issue of the Heritage commission's budget. Although the Heritage Commission had never been notified or asked for data regarding their budget, it was cut from \$500 to \$250 for the up-coming year. This came as a surprise to the Chair, since no one had contacted her regarding the budget. The budget from last year had not been spent in anticipation of putting it towards the historic marker project (which had been awaiting the December grant announcement from the Mascoma Foundation). Meredith will contact Lee Carrier regarding this issue. Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Smith, Chair