

MARCH 23, 2006 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The March 23 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was called to order at 5:45 PM. Those attending were Mary Ann Haagen, Curtis Payne, Selectboard representative, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Absent were Celie Aufiero and Marjorie Carr.

Historic Markers

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on the historic marker project. Sign maker Allen Charbono has been chosen to create 8 signs and will begin work on them immediately. The Enfield Village Association voted to donate \$500 towards this project, in addition to the Mascoma Foundation grant of \$1500. The town of Enfield will be responsible for installation of the markers.

Enfield Shaker Museum

Mary Ann Haagen reported that the Museum is looking forward to a busy season with many activities and educational workshops planned. The Center for Advanced Musical Studies will be at the Museum for two weeks in late June, bringing outstanding musicians from all over the world. They will also be offering at least one free-to-the-public concert during their stay. The Museum will also be working with the Mascoma Valley Regional High School to create enrichment programs for the students.

Walking Tour Brochure

Meredith Smith discussed the possibility of a walking tour brochure as a collaborative effort between the Museum, Heritage Commission, and the Enfield Village Association. The brochure would highlight historic buildings and sites between the Shaker site and Main Street, elaborating on the historic marker project. It is hoped that such a brochure might be created in the next year, offering information and drawings or photographs of the historic buildings and sites along the walking tour.

Design Guidelines

Meredith Smith brought up the subject of the design guidelines, which the Heritage Commission worked on last year. The project has been on hold for several months. Smith suggested that the Commission reactivate the project; perhaps by switching the focus to a Design Review District, similar to what is being done in Hartford, VT. The Commission then discussed the possible creation of an historic district as an outgrowth of such a design review district. Several options were suggested as to where the boundaries of such an historic district might be. Smith will check with Jim Taylor as to precedent. She will also attend the NH Preservation Alliance Spring Workshop, which will be featuring historic districts as one of the topics.

Memorial Day Parade

The Chair suggested that it would be nice to have representation from the Shaker Museum or the Enfield Heritage Commission in the Enfield Memorial Day parade to call attention to Enfield's historic past. Mary Ann Haagen will ask the Shaker Singers if any of them would be willing to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.