

MINUTES/JUNE 29, 2006

Enfield Heritage Commission

Meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was called to order at 5:30, Thursday, June 29, 2006. Present were: Mary Ann Haagen, Cecilia Aufiero, Curtis Payne, Meredith Smith, and Steven Schneider, Town Manager; excused, Marjorie Carr.

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on the status of the historic marker project. The markers are in the works and should be ready by summer's end.

The application to place Whitney Hall Memorial Building on the National Historic Register was discussed. Mary Ann Haagen, Marjorie Carr, and Steve Schneider will meet to go over the details of the application and submit as soon as possible.

Meredith Smith requested Curtis Payne draft a petition in support of the creation of an historic district in Enfield Village, to be circulated at the annual meeting on the Mascoma Lake Community association in late July. Curtis agreed to draft such a petition.

A lengthy discussion of the proposed Historic District was held. Meredith Smith noted that prior to an historic district being created, an historic commission needs to be appointed. Curtis Payne asked if the Heritage Commission could also serve as the historic commission. Meredith will check with the NHDHR on this issue. All agreed that an historic district (or districts) would be a positive move for Enfield, having economic, social, and educational benefits. However, extensive education of the public must be undertaken to insure that everyone understands what an historic district is and isn't. Meredith Smith will meet with the Town Manager to discuss possible approaches for the creation of an historic district.

Mary Ann Haagen gave an update of the many activities at the Shaker Museum over the summer months. Concerts, workshops, exhibits, and social events make for an exciting summer season at the Enfield Shaker Museum!

Steve Schneider gave an extensive report on the town office and library project. Celie Aufiero expressed concern for the proposed alterations to the Whitney Hall Auditorium and stage. Steve assured the Commission that nothing was set in stone and that all plans were subject to change.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair