

## JANUARY 27, 2005 MINUTES

### ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Enfield Heritage Commission met at 5:30 PM on January 27, 2005, in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. The entire Commission was present: Marjorie Carr, Evelyn Palmer, Mary Ann Haagan, Dominic Albanese, and Meredith Smith. Jim Taylor, Enfield Planning and Zoning Administrator, was the special guest.

The Commission held an in-depth discussion of the proposed design guidelines brochure, assisted by Jim Taylor's valuable expertise. Jim mentioned the proposed TIF district and that the Heritage Commission should have some input on that committee. He also suggested that the Commission could be helpful in writing the new master plan where historic issues are involved.

All felt that photographic examples of positive design choices would be an important part of the brochure. Mary Ann suggested that we focus on the positive improvements over the past few years and encourage a continuation of this trend. Marjorie brought up the issue of wording in the brochure; what and how much. We agreed that it should be kept to a minimum, as people would not read lengthy statements. Much will be decided on by the photographs chosen. Several buildings were suggested: 18 High Street, the Provost House, Decker House, Ann Tarney's house, the green cape at the top of High Street, Red Roof Frame Shop, and the pink house in Enfield Center. This was only the beginning of the Commission's list of possible buildings to feature. More will be added later. Chief Geise was suggested as a possible photographer. Members will work on ideas for the brochure, to be presented at next month's meeting on February 24.

Mary Ann Haagan has agreed to act as the liaison between the Enfield Shaker Museum and the Heritage Commission. We are delighted to have Mary Ann fill this important slot.

Mary Ann also suggested we think about an annual award, to be given to the property owner who does an outstanding job of renovating (or new construction) their property, upholding historic design details and contributing to the positive visual appearance of Enfield.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair