

MINUTES

November 17 Enfield Heritage Commission

Meeting held at 5:30 PM at Whitney Hall conference room. Those present: Nancy Scovner, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith. Mary Ann Haagan was absent.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the status of the Museum. It seems that the Museum is at a turning point with the move to the Great Stone Dwelling over the summer months and the Inn no longer being leased out to an innkeeper. With this new status, the Museum will now be eligible for historic preservation grants for the various historic buildings it owns. The back taxes to the town of Enfield (accrued by former lease holders of the inn and unpaid by them) are considerable and the Museum Board is in negotiations with the town to work out a repayment plan.

Historic Markers

EVA Design Committee has submitted a grant to the Mascoma Foundation in cooperation with the Heritage Commission. A decision will be made and announced by the Mascoma Bank in mid-December. Marjorie Carr and Mary Ann Haagan, EHC members, have submitted names of six properties to receive the first round of historic markers.

Walking Tour Brochure

The Commission held brief discussion regarding the possibility of a walking tour brochure, which would connect Main Street with the historic Shaker site. This will be a project to be worked on in the new year in cooperation with EVA Design Committee.

Enfield Center Town Hall

Since neither Celie nor Nancy had been able to fulfill their assignments (Celie to check on Historic Register status and Nancy to look into a story in the press re: Town House), this issue was put on hold until January. Celie will try to get together with Marjorie Carr early in January regarding the history of the building.

Whitney Hall

A discussion of the renewed interest in renovating Whitney Hall was held, sparked by the recent newspaper article about the Twigs Bakery & Café owner's interest in the auditorium and its potential. After much discussion, it was thought that there would be a need to prioritize needs with this endeavor. New draft-free windows and improved lighting and ventilation should be first and foremost on the list of improvements. All felt that ceiling fans would be very helpful, especially in summer months, as well. Marjorie suggested that we might look for a donor or grant money to fund a new theater curtain. Meredith will try to meet with Joe Mandell, Twigs owner, before the January meeting. The entire Commission was supportive of this effort.

Smith Pond Dam

Cliff Below, the new Public Utilities Commissioner for NH is working on this issue. Meredith will contact him for an update

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM