

The October meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those attending: Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, Shirley Green, Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith. The August and September minutes were approved as written.

BARN SURVEY UPDATE: Meredith reported that she had heard from Kaitlin Hovanes, the UVM graduate student working on an Enfield barn survey. Kaitlin has offered to do a public presentation of her research in late November. She will be leaving VT in early December to return to her home in Washington State. The Commission felt that the week prior to Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving week would not be a good time to have a presentation of the barn research as it is a busy time for all. They also wanted more information as to what Kaitlin's presentation might cover and suggested she submit an outline of her talk to the Commission. The questions also raised were how she came to select Enfield barns for her survey, how many barns were involved, and what was the scope and nature of her research. Meredith agreed to contact Kaitlin and ask if she might come to Enfield in very early December to present her findings. She will also try to get more information regarding the barn research and ask Kaitlin to provide a rough outline of her proposed talk.

DOT MAIN STREET PROJECT: Meredith Smith informed the Commission that Plan NH has chosen the Enfield lakefront project for its next charette. There will be a two day symposium on January 23 and 24 where Plan NH will ask for input from the community. Smith urged Commission members to attend.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: Once again, Smith brought up the possibility of working on design guidelines. She noted that EVA did not seem to have the time or volunteers to assist with such a project. Linda Jones has received the design guidelines from Somersworth and gave a copy to Meredith. She will email them to Meredith so they can be distributed to the entire Commission. The question was raised as to what areas would be considered for guidelines. Smith said the present Historic District would be the natural place to start. A discussion of the TIF District ensued. Smith read excerpts from information Scott Osgood had sent her regarding design guidelines for the TIF District. Once again the issue of the Family Dollar Store came up as an illustration of lack of good design practices. The Commission wondered how, with what appeared to be TIF design guidelines in place, such a building was allowed to be built.

FUTURE PLANNING SESSION: Smith suggested dedicating the December meeting to a long range planning session. All agreed. She asked Commission members to email her topics they would like to see put on the agenda for discussion.

ANNUAL AWARD: Several names were put forth as possibilities. No final decision was made.

MUSEUM NEWS: Mary Ann Haagen reported on Marjorie Carr's party and how wonderful it was to see so many townspeople at the Museum. She reviewed various Museum activities on-going: the successful Phantom of the Opera night, held in the Mary Keane Chapel, the up-coming annual meeting on Nov. 9 (presentation on window project) and the Festival of Trees; a Shaker Sing Along this Sunday; the brochure has been done for 4th grade school program; preservation work continues. Other good news is that the Town is returning Second Family cemetery to the Museum. The Museum continues to grow and thrive!

OTHER BUSINESS: Suzanne Hinman asked about the Welcome Packet the EVA Economic Development Committee is working on. She suggested that the Walking tour brochure should be included in the Welcome packet, as well as the driving tour Marjorie Carr developed for the 250th celebration. Meredith will convey these suggestions to Kim Quirk-Smith.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair