

July 28, 2016 HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on July 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Linda Jones, Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The June minutes were approved as written.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update

Meredith Smith gave an update on the Mascoma Lakeside Park. The non motorized boat launch is complete and the four picnic tables have been placed in their temporary location along the bypass road. Meredith noted that Lot 44 could not be used as a picnic area until the terrain was smoothed out. This will require either leveling with wood chips or scraping the surface (which requires an archeological survey). She noted that there appears to be some confusion as to just what the NH Historic Resources and NH DOT require in the way of the second survey. Meredith is talking to two archeological research companies and hopes to have an answer soon as to what is required. Linda Jones asked about talk Ken Cushing gave re: old RR buildings and if he might have more information about the old railroad house which was on Lot 44. Linda will call Ken. Mary Ann Haagen also suggested a contact for a local archeologist. Meredith will follow up with the suggestion.

Marjorie Carr's meeting with Andrew Cushing

Marjorie Carr met with Andrew Cushing on July 20 to discuss the Enfield Center Town House and work on the National Historic Register application. They reviewed all historical information to date. Andrew is preparing a draft of application which he will provide at the August Heritage meeting. He will also review the application with Peter Michaud. Andrew has taken photos of the Center Town House which will be necessary for the NHR application. All felt progress was finally being made on the NHR application for the Center Town House.

Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway Update

Meredith reported that to date, there has been no movement on the formation of the Advisory Board for the Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway. There was some concern that with Nate Miller leaving UVLSRP as of August first, this issue might be postponed or lost in the transition. Linda Jones volunteered to write a letter in support of forming the necessary Advisory Board as soon as possible.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update

Mary Ann Haagen reviewed the current activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. She reported that they had just concluded a successful Shaker camp, held in partnership with AVA Gallery. Upcoming is the Taste, Toast, and Tour Fundraiser on August 6.

Signage

Suzanne Hinman asked about the electronic sign at George's and why it was allowed. Meredith responded that Phil Neily had been contacted and that he said the sign was grandfathered because the previous sign was electrified. There was also concern about the awnings at the Copeland Block which do not state the name of the business as the sign ordinance requires (if any wording is on awning). In addition to the signage at the Copeland Block, there was concern over the proposed addition of a seasonal deck at the restaurant there. Meredith reported that she had questioned why this was not a Planning Board or ZBA issue and the response had been that it was because there were no abutters. All felt that there certainly were abutters and that this issue should go before the Planning Board. There was also a general feeling that Enfield needs to tighten up on its sign ordinance and zoning with stricter enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith