

February 25, 2016

.HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on February 25, 2016 at 4:30 PM. Those present: Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Meredith Smith, chair, and Steve Schneider, Town Manager. The January minutes were approved as written.

Shaker National Register District Request from Pathways Engineering

Meredith has received a request from Pathways Engineering for a letter of no objection to the proposed sewer line extension. The letter was suggested by NH Division of Historic Resources because the proposed work will take place within a National Historic Register District. Steve Schneider elaborated on the proposed sewer extension project to connect Lakeview Condominiums, explaining in detail what was involved. There are 131 housing units at Lakeview. All units will have a lien on their property until the bond is paid off. The new sewer line will include a one and a half mile extension from Lower Shaker Village. There will be up to a 20 year note with a 10 % forgiveness on the State loan. The other plan is a federal plan which will not pay for the preliminary work. Maximum term is 30 years. A decision will be made soon to choose either the State or Federal loan. Steve did not think the proposed horizontal drilling for the sewer line (within the State Route 4A right-of-way) would have any negative impact on the National Register District.

Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway

Meredith informed the Commission that she has recently learned of the Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway on Route 4A. She will be contacting the DOT for appropriate signage.

Shaker Cemetery

Steve discussed the transferring of the Shaker cemetery, part of the South Family of Shakers community, to the Museum. It will be referred to as taking over a religious burying ground. The gravestones are uniquely Shaker.

Town Meeting Table

Meredith brought the new Enfield Center Town House sign, purchased by the Heritage Commission, which will be part of an Heritage information table at town meeting. The sign was purchased to eventually be placed at the Town House but in the mean time, will be used as a sample, to let townspeople know about the Historic Marker Program. All Commission members agreed to assist with the information table.

Research on Enfield Center Town House

Marjorie Carr brought up the research project on Enfield Center Town House. She feels that the research is more than she can handle alone and will need help. Meredith said there were no funds to cover a paid researcher so more volunteer help will need to be recruited.

Update from MLPAT

Meredith gave a brief update on the progress with the lakefront park. The DOT will be submitting their plan for Main Street and the bypass road this spring. There is a \$3000 request in the town budget for the archeological work needed. If the budget passes at Town Meeting, it is hoped that the work can be done this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair