

April 27, 2017 HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitey Hall Conference Room on April 27, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Those present were: Linda Jones, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused were Mary Ann Haagen and Suzanne Hinman. The March minutes were approved as written. The Commission voted unanimously to urge Mary Ann Haagen to renew her appointment to the Commission.

Meredith read a thank you note to the Commission from Andrew Cushing. Andrew thanked the Commission for his Preservation Award and for the Shaker box he received as his award.

The Commission held a discussion of the upcoming Mooseplate Grant Application for Enfield Center Town House. Meredith has had difficulty in getting a written estimate for work to be done on the building from Matt Dow. She hopes to have something in writing by next week. Without the estimate, the application cannot proceed. Linda Jones volunteered to have her husband take the necessary photographs. Marjorie Carr, and Celie Aufiero volunteered to write letters of support (part of the application process). Shirley will ask Jimmy Proctor to write a letter. Meredith reminded the Commission that time was getting short since the application is due May 12. Several suggestions were made for alternative contractors. If the Dow estimate does not come in by early next week, alternatives will be sought.

Linda Jones reported on the NH Preservation Alliance Spring Conference she attended recently. A lot of very valuable information was presented. Linda presented Meredith with a written list of suggestions that the Heritage Commission might consider doing to promote historic preservation in Enfield. There were two ideas that seemed doable right now. One was to purchase a Heritage Commission banner that could be used in parades and other public occasions to give greater visibility to the Commission. The other idea suggested was to partner in preservation efforts and activities with EVA, the Historical Society, and the Enfield Shaker Museum. Meredith pointed out that as a small town, Enfield needs to partner with like minded organizations to maximize volunteer efforts. All agreed to proceed with these two ideas.

Meredith reported that the first of two required public meetings had been held in support of the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway. No objection was made by Lebanon to the name. It is anticipated that the byway will be back in good standing with NH DOT by late fall. After the byway is once again in good standing, application will be made to extend the coverage area to include the Shaker South Family and ultimately, Enfield Center.

Shirley Green reported on activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. A very successful Shaker Forum was held the weekend of April 21 through 23 with representatives from several other Shaker villages attending, along with numerous Shaker scholars and enthusiasts. The popular History Alive program will begin next week with various local schools attending in different time slots.

Meredith gave a brief Mascoma Lakeside Park update. The picnic tables have been moved to Lot 44 in anticipation of the NH DOT work which will commence on May 1. An informational kiosk will be constructed at the park by Boy Scout Nick Williams as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair

