

May 26, 2016 Heritage Commission Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM on May 26, 2016. Those in attendance: Suzanne Hinman, Marge Carr, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The March minutes were approved as written (no quorum for April meeting so no minutes).

Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on the Shaker Scenic Byway. She noted that a list of possible candidates for the necessary Advisory Board had been sent to Steve Schneider. She will also contact Nate Miller (Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning) and ask about progress on the byway.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update

Smith gave a brief report on the Mascoma Lakeside Park. She informed the Commission that EVA has agreed to be the 501 C3 enabling the town to apply for grant funding. The project is now a joint venture with EVA and the town. It is anticipated that the small boat launch/ramp will be built this summer with funds donated by various organizations (at a cost of approximately \$6000). The permit for the boat launch has also been obtained from DES. Smith also noted that the archeological survey needed for Lot 44 was still in the planning stages.

Enfield Center Town House

There was a general discussion of steps needed to proceed with the National Historic Register application for the Town House. Suzanne Hinman said her husband did not have the necessary photographic equipment to take the required pictures. Marjorie Carr will ask her daughter Christine if she might be able to take the photos when she is visiting in Enfield. Meredith reminded the group that Andrew Cushing has volunteered to assist with the application but at the moment, he is very busy with his thesis. Meredith will contact Andrew to try and arrange for a convenient time to meet.

Signage Regulations

There was a general discussion about the need for better signage in town, especially within the National Historic Register District. Meredith said several people had complained to her about the signs at the new bar & grill. There appears to be a general feeling that they are inappropriate, especially in an historic building and within the NHR District. It was noted that the Heritage Commission and EVA had partnered to design and install historic signage at various buildings on Main Street, including the Copeland Block building and that they could be used as an example of appropriate signage within the historic district. Mary Ann Haagen mentioned that the town was very strict with the Museum when it put up a new sign and she wondered why the same rules were not being applied on Main Street. Mary Ann also suggested that this was an issue that EVA should be working on with the Heritage Commission. The question raised was how to best approach business owners to guide them towards tasteful and appropriate signs. It was also asked what the current Enfield sign ordinance permits. Meredith will check on the present sign ordinance and also ask that it be strictly enforced. The Commission will also begin to work on a possible improved sign ordinance for the historic district.

Greeley House update

Meredith gave a brief report on the Greeley House project. The renovations are almost complete and a lease has been signed with tenants who will move to Greeley in early June.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair