

Enfield Heritage Commission

June 28, 2018 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on June 28, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Mary Ann Haagen, Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The May minutes were approved with one minor correction.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief report of the meeting she attended in Concord on June 6 of the Long-Range Planning and Capital Utilization Committee. They agreed to a price of \$128,600 for Enfield to purchase the two lakefront lots that make up Lakeside Park. The next steps will be to get approval of the Executive Council and then to be signed by the Governor. It is hoped all this can be accomplished by Old Home Days but certainly before the end of summer.

Town House: Meredith submitted a mini grant to the Preservation Alliance to pay for a hydrologist to look at the water issues created by the brook next to the Town House. The grant was awarded (\$500; Town to pay \$100 of that amount) and Don Woods, hydrologist met with Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth, Phil Neily, and Meredith at the site on June 11. He submitted a comprehensive report which called for a multi-faceted approach, but the first steps will involve site work outside the building. An estimate from Steve Patten for site work to be done has been submitted. Meredith has communicated these new developments to Amy Dixon, in charge of Mooseplate Grants. Amy has given her permission to change the original scope of work to be done by the grant and will allow Enfield's Mooseplate Grant to be used for the necessary drainage and site work.

Meredith informed the Commission that due to several last-minute problems, she did not submit the LCHIP grant as had been anticipated. The LCHIP Director told Meredith on Wednesday that LCHIP rarely paid for drainage work (which was to be part of Enfield's LCHIP application). This news coupled with Don Roberts new information that the entire back half of the Town House flooring and supporting timbers were completely rotted out. changed the scope and nature of work to be done and resulted in the decision, supported by the Town Manager, to halt submission of the grant.

Public Support: Considering the new information regarding the Town House, the question put before the Commission was "Where to go next?" All agreed that a public information campaign and rallying support from Townspeople was critical. Shirley Green had been trying to arrange for a meeting at the Union Church for July 13. Linda Jones will follow up with Shirley. Linda also suggested getting a collection of photos together and having some blown up to have at this proposed meeting and hopefully others to follow. She will collect photos and create a display. Meredith also brought up the possibility of applying for Seven to Save, noting that there is no monetary gain. Mary Ann felt that this could be a wasted effort and that the only value would be in calling attention to the building. The overall sense of the Commission was that public support and awareness should be the next step for the Town House.

Certified Local Government Program: Linda reported that there were no new developments in efforts towards the CLG program.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Mary Ann and Meredith attended the Scenic Byway meeting in Lebanon on June 27. The meeting was sparsely attended but they did draw the new boundaries for the Byway on the map of the area. Megan Butts at UVLSRP has asked for information on points of interest within the newly extended route. Meredith and Mary Ann will be working on this in the next few weeks.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: Mary Ann gave a brief report on activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. The Center for Advanced Musical Studies will be offering a series of concerts over the weekend; the archeological dig at the Boys' House turned up many new and interesting artifact; the Ecology Course for high school students is in full swing, led by Lisa Torres; and the annual Fourth of July Sing-Along and pie sale will be held on the Fourth.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Smith, Chair