

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

May 23, 2019 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on May 23, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Shirley Green, Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The April minutes were approved as written with one minor edit.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Meredith updated the Commission on the status of the archaeological study at the park which has now been reduced to a "Determination of Effects Investigation". The RFP for the study is currently on the Town web site. Meredith also informed the Commission that NH Lakes will be working closely with the park as part of their Smart Lakes Program, to ensure the park will be a model for good lake practices.

National Historic Landmark: Shirley Green reported that she will bring the Commission's request to the Museum Board to begin the application process for the Great Stone Dwelling to become a National Historic Landmark. Meredith suggested that there may be a grant available to assist with the application process.

Town House: The on-going problems with the Town House continue. Meredith has filed a letter of intent for a second Mooseplate Grant which is due in June. The RFP for work to be done on the building towards stabilization has been issued but to date, there have been no responses. Meredith is working behind the scenes to try to come to a solution to the land issues.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Linda Jones attended the marketing seminar for the Scenic Byway program and came away with several excellent suggestions. For instance, several towns in the southern area of NH have a daffodil program. Linda also learned that there are free lilac bushes available to municipalities. Web sites are vital to the success of the byways. It was suggested that Enfield include a link to their byway on the Town web site.

Facilities Committee: Shirley Green reported on what the Facilities Committee has been doing. The most recent meeting included a tour of the Police Station. There is a general consensus among Commission members that the Town needs to take better care of the buildings they have with a regularly scheduled maintenance program.

Photographing Buildings for Historic Record: There was a discussion of the house on Route 4 which is next to Jake's and has been purchased by Jake's owner. It is thought that his long-range plan will be to demolish the house and expand the Jake's area. Marjorie Carr suggested the Commission institute a program to photograph buildings slated for demolition, both inside and out, to become part of the Town's historic record. It was also noted that the house in question is designated as "contributing" in the National Historic Register District (meaning the house itself is eligible for Historic Register designation). All agreed a photographic program should be instituted.

Certified Local Government: Meredith has contacted Nadine Miller to set up a time for her to come to Enfield for a "drive around" to determine likely local historic districts.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: Shirley Green and Mary Ann Haagen reported on Museum activities. The History Alive program will be taking place in the next two weeks. Also, a very successful Shaker Day marked the official season's opening of the Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair

Other business