

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on June 27 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Mary Ann Haagen, Shirley Green, Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The May minutes were approved as written.

Nadine Miller's Visit and Discussion Points: Meredith informed the Commission that Nadine Miller would be coming to Enfield on July 11 at 10:30 AM to drive around the Town and identify possible candidates for Local Historic District or Historic/ Place status. There was a discussion of possible places in Town to be addressed. They include Enfield Center and several buildings there, Lockhaven and schoolhouse, Methodist Hill area, old summer cottage area at Mascoma, Shaker Hill, and much of the area covered in the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway. The question was raised as to whether places/districts on the National Register can also be included as "Local Districts". We will ask Nadine to clarify during her visit.

Enfield Center Town House: The second Mooseplate grant has been submitted for Enfield Center Town House. Meredith reported that Amy Dixon at NH Historic Resources has given special permission to hold over our first grant with the possibility that we will receive a second grant, thus providing enough funds to do some significant work on the building. Meredith commented that she thought using Canaan Street Meeting House as a model to follow would be a good idea. This would bring the building into the public eye and generate interest in potential uses for the building while keeping use to seasonal only, eliminating the need for septic, water, and other such amenities. The main goal right now is to make the building safe and structurally sound.

National Historic Landmark Status: Shirley Green reported that the Enfield Shaker Museum Board has approved moving forward in exploring the possibilities of applying for National Historic Landmark status for the Great Stone Dwelling. Brandee Loughlin, National Register point person at DHR, will attend the Museum board meeting in July to answer questions about National Historic Landmark status and how to pursue that goal. Meredith suggested looking into possible planning grants to assist in application. She will ask Andrew Cushing for more information.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith reported briefly on the June quarterly meeting of the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board (Mary Ann Haagen and Linda Jones also serve on this Advisory Board). It is assumed that the NH DOT will soon approve the extensions to the Byway. It was emphasized that getting the Byway into the Master Plan would be an important goal. Linda Jones, a new member of the Enfield Planning Board, will address the Byway with the Planning Board and its place in the Master Plan.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: There was a general discussion of the newly formed Mascoma Valley Preservation and their recent accomplishments, not the least of which is acquisition of the historic Grafton Meetinghouse. There are two other major acquisition in the works which make important contributions to the preservation efforts in the Mascoma Valley. All were very enthusiastic about the efforts of this organization.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: The Museum is in the midst of the annual CAMS program and several other workshops planned during the summer months and of course, the annual 4th of July Patriotic Sing Along. Meredith mentioned that she and Mary Ann will be continuing Fiber Mondays (held at AVA in the non-summer months) at the Ministry House, making items for the Museum Gift Shop. Perhaps this will be a revival of the long dormant Earnest Workers Club?

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair

