

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on October 24, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, Shirley Green, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Mary Ann Haagen and Celie Aufiero. The September minutes were approved as written.

Town House: Meredith reported that some tree trimming has been done along the brook but there is still more to be done as several saplings are too close to the building. She also reported that the DPW was not going to be able to clear flotsam from the brook and that a work party of volunteers has been recommended as only hand tools can be allowed without going through a permitting process with DES. Linda Jones suggested we contact Hypertherm and Tom Tom to get on their list of employee volunteer work days. Meredith will follow up in the spring but right now, the brook is full of water. Meredith also brought up the possibility of applying for an LCHIP grant for land acquisition.

Mill Heritage District Overlay: There was an extensive discussion about the various steps to prepare for a Town Meeting warrant article in support of a Local Historic District. The topics discussed were creating a timeline of preservation efforts in Enfield, telling the story of the Mill District (houses and their relationship to Enfield's mill history), walking tour brochure of proposed district (similar to Hartford VT), and possible regulations for the district (demolition review, design review of alterations and additions within the district, maintaining period trim when replacing siding as examples of Local Historic District regulations). \*It should be noted that all of the proposed Mill Heritage District is already part of the Enfield Village National Historic Register District and almost every structure is considered "contributing" in the NHR District. A public education program of information hand-outs, public meetings/forums, and social media will be important in getting the message out about what a Local Historic District is and what the advantages will be for Enfield. It was also suggested that we invite Rebecca Owens, Lebanon's Assistant Planner, to our next meeting to advise the Commission on what has worked well and what has not worked well in Lebanon's Local Historic Districts as we prepare for the Town Meeting warrant article. Meredith will contact Rebecca.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: Meredith has contacted Andrew Cushing to let him know that Linda Jones will be happy to serve as Enfield's representative to the MLP Board. Andrew was delighted that Linda has agreed to serve in this position.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update on progress with the overall design plans for Lakeside Park. Architect Paul Mirski has been refining site plans and the present goal is to have the park look more like a park and less like a parking lot while adhering to ADA regulations and Shoreline Protection laws. The NH Historic Preservation Archeology team will meet at the park on Friday, October 25 to determine whether it will be necessary to have the extensive archeological survey done prior to beginning site work at the park.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: Shirley Green reported on the very successful Cider and Cheese Festival on October 13 which brought over 1200 visitors to the Enfield Shaker Museum. This annual festival has become a signature event for the Museum. Shirley also reported on several other upcoming Museum events, including the Annual Meeting where the new Museum Director will be introduced and the Gala on November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair