

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

December 5, 2019 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on December 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Shirley Green, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Linda Jones and Suzanne Hinman. The approval of the October minutes was postponed until the January meeting due to a lack of quorum of those who attended the October meeting.

Town House: Meredith updated the Commission on the possibility of two grants that the Town could apply for to address the structural stabilization of the Town House. The grants would both be matching grants and it is hoped that the two Mooseplate Grants could be used for the match. There was also a brief discussion of the ultimate uses for the building.

Mill Heritage District: Meredith reported that when she brought up the proposed Mill Heritage District at a recent Selectboard meeting, there was a rather negative reaction from the Selectboard. Of concern was the review process that would be necessary for those property owners within the district, which would require a review by the Heritage Commission of all demolition permits and major structural renovations to buildings within the district. It was suggested that informational sessions and discussions with property owners within the district would be helpful. The Commission will also gather more information from NH Historic Resources and communities that have Local Historic Districts.

Prioritizing Preservation Efforts: The Commission discussed which preservation efforts should take priority in 2020. The Town House and accomplishing the much needed stabilization repairs was first and foremost, followed by continuing to work on Certified Local Government (and Local Historic District) and addressing the needs of Whitney Hall.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: The recent success of Mascoma Valley Preservation was applauded by the Commission, noting the LCHIP grant for the Grafton Meeting House and acquisition of the Grafton General Store and the Grafton Mill property. Meredith noted that Andrew Cushing had reached out to her and asked if Enfield would be interested in including the Town House as one of the MVP preservation projects. She has enthusiastically responded that there would certainly be interest in such involvement.

Lakeside Park: Meredith gave a brief update on progress with the design phase of Lakeside Park. Architect Paul Mirski has almost completed plans for the overall site and pavilion design and it is anticipated these will be finalized early in the new year. Meredith also noted that she had an email exchange with Friends of Northern Rail Trail

and they have approved Mr. Mirski's suggested plan to lower the Rail Trail by a few feet to make access to the park meet ADA requirements.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: Shirley Green and Mary Ann Haagen reported on the upcoming activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair