

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

January 23, 2020 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on January 23, 2020 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The December minutes were approved as written.

Town House: Meredith informed the Commission that she had made a request to the EVA Board that they partner with the Town on finding a solution for the Town House and perhaps assisting in working towards a rehabilitation of the building. The EVA Board has wholeheartedly agreed to the partnership and it is hoped that working together with EVA, an organization that has rehabilitated two historic (and derelict) buildings, new enthusiasm and energy will emerge for the Town House renovation. Meredith also reported that she had attended a presentation in Wilmot, NH where their Town Hall has suffered from similar water-related issues that have affected the Town House. Wilmot will be applying for an LCHIP grant in June. Meredith was impressed with the work they have done to date in preparing for LCHIP.

Mill Heritage District: Since Linda Jones is away, there was no further discussion of the Mill Heritage District.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: It was reported that at last, there will be a meeting of the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board. Meredith reported that due to several staffing changes at UVLSRP, there has not been the required quarterly meetings (last one was in June of 2019). It is hoped that soon the NH DOT will approve the proposed extensions to the Byway and work can get underway to promote this valuable tool to promote our Town and its historic and cultural resources

Smith Pond Forest Project: Meredith reported on an exciting new proposed cooperative project between UVLT, Dartmouth College, Museum, and Heritage Commission. There will be a meeting next week to explore the project further.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: Meredith clarified that Linda Jones is, in fact, a board member of Mascoma Valley Preservation

Land Discussion: There was a lively discussion regarding the Consolidated Communications land which abuts the Whitney Hall Parking Lot. The general consensus was that the Town should make a concerted effort to acquire this land as it could provide future parking and possibly expansion of the Police Station and Whitney Hall.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: The Museum will host some winter activities aimed at families and children but no further details were available at the time of the Heritage meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair