

## Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

### May 28, 2020 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on May 28, 2020 at 4:30 PM via the Zoom format. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen was unable to connect to Zoom and Meredith Smith joined 15 minutes late due to technical issues. The April minutes were approved as written.

Town House: Meredith gave an update of the RFP issued to repair and stabilize the Town House. The only bid that was received was from Target New England, a company specializing in historic buildings. After negotiating with the company to come up with a price that will meet budget restrictions, the Selectboard voted to proceed with Target New England. A June 2020 start date is anticipated. It should be noted that the work to be done will only cover basic stabilization of the building. Meredith suggested that when present economic conditions stabilize and improve, a fund-raising campaign (possibly through grants such as LCHIP) could be launched. \*Following the meeting, Marjorie Carr contacted Meredith, asking that ventilation of the building be included in any work to be done.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith reported on progress made towards the planning for a pavilion at Lakeside Park. She noted that architect Paul Mirski has submitted final plans for the pavilion and two local contactors have submitted bids based on those plans. A sub-committee, working with Mr. Mirski and Building Inspector Phil Neily will review the bids, eliminating unnecessary items to meet the budget and clarifying both bids to insure they are bidding on the same things. It is anticipated that work will begin on the pavilion over the summer of 2020.

Mill Heritage District: All agreed that in these uncertain times of Covid 19, it was not a good time to launch efforts towards establishing a Mill Heritage District. Education of the public and property owners will be a major component and any public gatherings are not being planned at this juncture. The Commission will revisit the Mill Heritage District after the present pandemic has subsided.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: Linda Jones reported on activities of Mascoma Valley Preservation including the Cheever Chapel, Grafton Meetinghouse, and the recently acquired Kimball Mill and land in Grafton. Meredith noted that the MVP is trying to meet the LCHIP match for the Meetinghouse. Donors of \$500 or more will receive a painted quilt panel once the panels are no longer needed to secure the building. It is hoped that MVP will assist Enfield in future efforts to preserve and rehabilitate the Enfield Center Town House.

Mary Ann's Research: Mary Ann Haagen has submitted considerable Town House research to the Commission which she did at the Rauner Library at Dartmouth. The Commission was delighted to receive Mary Ann's notes and hopes it will be the beginnings of future research about the building; how it was used, who met there, and general changes to the building over the years. Unfortunately, Mary Ann was not able to access the meeting due to technical problems. We are grateful to her for all she has done to help fill in the "blanks" of how the building was used over the years.

Enfield Shaker Museum Report: Shirley Green, Shaker Museum Trustee, reported that the summer through fall brochure of Shaker Museum activities has recently been mailed. The April Shaker Forum which was postponed due to Covid has been rescheduled for late August. There are also several workshops planned for the summer months.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair