

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

August 27, 2020 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on August 27, 2020 at 4:30 PM via Zoom. Those attending were: Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, Mary Ann Haagen, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Madeline Johnson, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The July minutes were approved as written

Town House Seven to Save Application: Meredith discussed the various requirements for the Seven to Save application, having sent the Commission members a copy of the application form. Linda Jones agreed to take the required photos of the Town House, both exterior and interior. Commission members were asked to review their files for any newspaper clippings or additional materials. Mary Ann's research of several months ago will also be included with additional materials since. Letters of support were requested from Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, and Mary Ann Haagen.

Report on Field Trip with EVA Board and Historical Society: Meredith reported on the tour she led of three historic buildings in Enfield Center (Union Church, Center Schoolhouse, and the Town House) with the EVA board and three members of the Historical Society (John Carr, Paul and Lynn Waehler). All were impressed with the three buildings. John Carr, who had attended first grade in the schoolhouse, noted that it is thought to be the last surviving two story schoolhouse in New Hampshire. It also suffers from lack of land around it for septic, well, and parking. It was suggested that if and when land can be acquired for the Town House, the schoolhouse could be moved to the Town House site, thus creating a "historic complex" similar to the one in New London.

Town House Open House: The date of October 10 was set for an open house at the Town House to coincide with the Enfield Shaker Museum's pie sale that day, from 11 AM to 3 PM. The Heritage Commission will work with the Museum to invite people attending one location to visit the other "just down the road". Linda Jones and Madeline Johnson agreed to host one shift. Celie Aufiero and Leigh Davis will host the other shift. Mary Ann Haagen will check on visual materials used for the 250th celebration when the Town House was open to the public. Meredith will prepare a one-page information sheet to be used as a hand-out at the open house. It was suggested that a sign be placed in front of the Town House a week or two before the open house, alerting people to the event. Meredith will ask EVA if the Commission can borrow their sandwich board for the signage.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update of the Lakeside Park project. It is anticipated that construction will start any day now. The contractor is waiting for the site work to be done before he can begin construction. Once again, it was asked if there was an architect's conceptual drawing of what the pavilion will look like. To date, the Town has not received a conceptual drawing from Mr. Mirski. However, Meredith described the pavilion as being an "elongated gazebo" of roughly 1000 square feet.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones gave a brief update of the activities of Mascoma Valley Preservation. They are working on resolving the deed for the Cheever Chapel and also, working on the match for the LCHIP grant. With the fund-raising efforts, the Grafton Meetinghouse will be restored to its pre fire state with roof repaired and second floor restored. A mobility grant will allow for handicapped access to the second floor. The progress that has been made on this building is nothing short of miraculous.

Enfield Shaker Museum Report: Shirley Green reported on activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. The "Harvest Festival to Go" seems to be a resounding success with 109 families signed up. The Cider Festival will be virtual this year. However, there will be a live pie sale on October 10 (Columbus Day weekend) which will coincide with the Heritage Commission Open House. The annual auction will also be on line this year due to COVID.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair