

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

September 24, 2020 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on September 24, 2020 at 4:30 PM via the Zoom format. Those in attendance: Marge Carr, Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Celie Aufiero and Shirley Green. The August minutes were approved as written.

MVP Visit: Linda Jones informed the Commission that Mascoma Valley Preservation planned to visit the Town House on Sunday, October 4 at 1 PM. Commission members were asked to attend if possible to answer questions and point out features and problem issues of the building. Meredith will try to have a flyer prepared as a hand-out for the meeting giving some of the building's history and the problems it is facing. She will also ask the Town to supply a box of masks for those who may come without masks.

Town House Open House: A review of tasks to prepare for the October 10 open house at the Town House was discussed. Linda Jones and Madeline Johnson will be the hosts from 11 AM to 1 PM. Celie Aufiero and Leigh Davis will act as hosts from 1 PM to 3 PM. Meredith will remind Shirley that we will need signage from the Museum about their Pie Sale. She will also prepare a flyer/sign to be placed at the Museum, directing people to the Town House. Meredith has made arrangements to borrow the EVA sandwich board and will set it up at the Town House in the upcoming week. She will also prepare a hand-out for the event, describing the history of the building, its current issues, and hopes for its future.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update of pavilion construction Lakeside Park. The contractor is still waiting for the site work to be completed before starting on construction of the pavilion. It is anticipated that the pavilion will be completed this fall.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones gave an extensive update from Mascoma Valley Preservation. Her notes are below.

Canaan Freight Shed

The Town of Canaan owns the Freight Shed. It was overgrown with brush and trees to 30 feet. On August 2 a work-day was scheduled and the brush and trees were cleared. It took 10 people and 3 chainsaws. All trees were cut up and brush stacked. The Town then cleaned up the debris. This work was in anticipation of a Moose plate grant application MVP has written to repair the Slate Roof. This grant was awarded last week, a slate roof specialist evaluated the roof, and is submitting a proposal at the grant amount.

Grafton Center Meeting House

A workday is scheduled Saturday, Sept 26 to clear the building of debris from the fire & previous demolitions. A large dumpster (and a Porta-Potty) have been ordered.

Kimball Mill

In October, a work crew will come from Timken. Date not yet set. The focus will be the removal of tires dumped in the woods and around the buildings. They need to be consolidated into a single pile for a recycler to pick up. There will be a truck load!

Cheever Chapel

The legal struggle to appoint an owner has made a legal step forward, according to the attorney who took this case on pro bono. The next step will take months, and could be spring of 2021

before we hear anything. The goal is to have the last remaining member of the former group that owned it appointed owner. She will then gift it to MVP.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair