

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

February 25, 2021 Minutes

The Heritage Commission met on February 25, 2021 at 4:30 PM. The meeting was conducted on Zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions. Those in attendance were Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Haagen, Shirley Green, Madeleine Johnson, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The January minutes were approved as written.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith reported on developments concerning Lakeside Park and the discussion held the previous night at the Planning Board site plan review. The two major questions at that review were trash collection and parking, both of which are being studied for solutions. Also discussed were the various grant applications being applied for and a construction update. Currently, all construction on the pavilion is on hold until warmer temperatures allow for the PVC materials used in the trim to be cut and installed. Pattie Fried, Master Gardener intern continues to work on plans for plantings at the park.

Duties of Heritage Commission: Once again, the duties and responsibilities of a Heritage Commission were discussed. Celie Aufiero pointed out that the RSA 674_44-b clearly define those responsibilities. All Heritage Commission members are asked to refer to the RSA and note duties not currently being observed. It was also noted that the Master Plan Committee should be made aware of this RSA and include it in the new Master Plan. Once again, the issue of educating the public was brought up.

Town House: As always, there was a lively discussion about what the next moves should be regarding the Enfield Center Town House. Meredith had the tax card for Charlie Muzzey's property abutting the Town House available for discussion. The property is appraised for \$119,00 and the question arose as to how much Mr. Muzzey might be willing to accept for his property. The Commission had decided to apply for LCHIP funding at a previous meeting but if the Town were successful, that grant would have to be matched. The question was raised as to how much money is in the Land Acquisition fund. Meredith agreed to check on that.

In addition to land acquisition, Madeleine Johnson suggested the Commission develop a business plan for how the building might be utilized. The consensus of the Commission was that we needed input from "younger people". Madeleine agreed to reach out to her younger friends and Meredith will do the same. Celie also mentioned youth drama classes as another use for the building and mentioned she taught youth drama for several years in Hanover and Norwich. Overall, all agreed the building offers many opportunities for community activities and educational programs.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith reported that she and Rob Taylor had met via Zoom with Alex Belenz from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning recently and that Alex is planning to host a meeting of the entire ESVSB soon. Nothing has been decided on the Byway extension as the new Byway Review Board has not been formed to date.

Mill House District: It was decided to continue working on the Mill House District. Madeleine and Suzanne will spearhead the project, seeking first to identify owners of the Mill Houses. Madeleine will also do an article for the Town Newsletter about the Mill Houses which represent an important segment of Enfield's mill history.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones reported that work continues on the Grafton Meeting House with fund raising underway to meet the LCHIP match requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair

