

The Enfield Heritage Commission met at the DPW building on June 24, 2021 at 4:30 PM, an in-person meeting for the first time in 15 months. Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Madeleine Johnson, Shirley Green, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Special guest Lindsay Smith, Vice Chair of the Master Plan Task Force also attended. Excused: Mary Ann Haagen. The May 27 minutes were approved as written.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update on the status of the pavilion construction at Lakeside Park. It is anticipated that the pavilion will be completed by mid-July. The pressing need right now is to create an access from the Rail Trail to the park. Funds are being raised for the project and it is hoped it can be done this summer.

Planning an On-going Public Voice for Heritage: There was an extensive discussion pertaining to how the Heritage Commission might have an improved public presence. Such options as social media, the Town newsletter, Town web site, and articles in the Valley News were mentioned. Madeleine Johnson agreed to spearhead the effort to give Heritage and Enfield's historic features more visibility.

Finalizing Plans for EVA Coffee: Final details relating to the EVA Business Coffee to be held the following day (June 25) at the Town House were discussed. All three historic buildings in Enfield Center (Union Church, Schoolhouse, and Town House) will be open for tours during the coffee hour and immediately following.

Town House Discussion: Once again the Commission discussed the possibility of land acquisition to make the Town House useable. It is hoped Andrew Cushing might have some suggestions when he visits the Town House on June 30.

Certified Local Government Program: Meredith brought up the possibility of creating a Local Historic District in Enfield Center, using the three historic buildings (Town House, Union Church, and Schoolhouse) as a starting point, creating in effect, an "historic triangle" with these three buildings. She noted that Local Historic Districts can simply be one building but a LHD is necessary to apply for Certified Local Government status. As the Town moves forward with its master planning process, having CLG status in place might provide grant-funding for surveys, consultants, and other advisors that could assist in the planning process.

Master Planning: Lindsay Smith addressed the Commission, bringing them up to date with the master planning efforts. She extended an invitation for the Commission to attend the August 9 meeting of the Master Planning Task Force and highlight the importance of Enfield's historic buildings, the National Historic Register Districts, and Shaker Heritage and how these things relate to the planning process and how they contribute to the economic development of the Town.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith gave a brief update on the progress being made with the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway. She has submitted a letter of intent to apply for newly created Federal funds for Scenic Byways.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones, Enfield representative to MVP reported on progress being made with the Grafton Meetinghouse and other MVP properties. She has arranged for the MVP Board to visit the Town House on June 30 at 6 PM. It is hoped they will assist the Commission in their efforts to rehabilitate the Town House.

Heritage Awards: Suzanne Hinman suggested the Commission establish several awards in various categories. This will require further discussion and planning and might be part of the overall plans to give Heritage an improved public presence.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair