

Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

September 23, 2021 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission meet at the DPW building on September 23, 2021, at 4:30 PM. Those attending: Marjorie Carr, Madeleine Johnson, Mary Ann Haagen, Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Shirley Green and Suzanne Hinman. The July minutes were approved as written (no August meeting).

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave an update on Lakeside Park. The pavilion is completed, and the Town recently received word that the Land and Water Conservation grant (\$125,000 to be matched) has been approved. The MLP Committee will now focus on raising the necessary matching funds. This grant will pay for plantings and parking lot improvements and drainage. The ramp leading from the Rail Trail to the park is awaiting approval by DOT.

Old Home Days: Old Home Days will be moving to a fall timeframe. It was suggested that Heritage participate in some way with an event or activity. One possibility suggested was to have a table at OHD and distribute information about Enfield's historic importance. Meredith will attend the October meeting of OHD Committee.

Certified Local Government: Linda Jones will contact Nadine Miller at NH Historic Resources to find out if the Enfield "Historic Triangle" (Union Church, Town House, and Center Schoolhouse) will qualify as a Local Historic District. Once the Local Historic District is in place, Enfield can apply for CLG status.

On-going Public Voice for Heritage: Madeleine will continue to have an article in the Town Newsletter. It was also suggested that additional historic information could be links on the Town web site and possible Listserv posts.

Town House: The Commission missed the application date for the next round of Mooseplate grants (June of 2021). However, Meredith is checking with Andrew Cushing about other possible planning grants that might be available. It was noted that during this Master Plan updating, it would be especially good to have a professionally done plan for the Town House.

Master Plan: Meredith gave a summary of her presentation to the Master Plan Task Force in August which Linda Jones also attended. Celie (a member of the MPTF) gave an update of what they have been doing. Especially of interest was their visit to the Town of Bristol. Of concern to the Heritage Commission is How to ensure representation of historic/heritage issues in the master plan and overcoming misconceptions about historic preservation.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith updated the Commission on the mini grant that has been received from the "Love Our Byways" foundation. There will be a workday at Lakeside Park on September 28 to fulfill the terms of the grant.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones reported on the activities of MVP. Of note is the recent CDFA grant received by MVP that will go towards repairs to the Kimball Mill and house property. Also mentioned were the Lebanon "charitable gambling" funds acquired by MVP.

Enfield Shaker Museum Report: Mary Ann Haagen reported on activities at the Museum. The Harvest Festival has once again been canceled due to COVID but volunteers have created over 100 "Harvest Festival to Go" bags that are being distributed to local community libraries. This project has been entirely grant-funded. Thanks go to those generous funding sources. Also of note is the cancelation of the Cider and Cheese Festival, again due to COVID concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair

