

## Enfield Heritage and Historic District Commission

### March 24, 2022 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on March 24, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the DPW building. Those in attendance were Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Mary Ann Haagen, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, Madeleine Johnson, And Meredith Smith, Chair. The February minutes were approved as written.

Review of Questions from Planning Board Chair: The Commission reviewed the questions from David Fracht, Planning Board Chair, regarding establishing a Local Historic District in Enfield Center and establishing a Certified Local Government Program (CLG) for Enfield. Meredith had already responded to Fracht with her immediate responses but is awaiting more information from Brandee Loughlin at NH Historic Resources for confirmation that her responses were accurate and no additional information was required. Linda Jones stated that she had made it clear at the recent Planning Board meeting that CLG grants would be more oriented toward planning issues and not necessarily “bricks and mortar”, although CLG does sometimes offer grant funding for those projects as well. The grants almost always require matching funds, as do most grants. The Commission was again reminded that there are 87 Towns already in the CLG program.

Discussion of Heritage Commission Membership: Meredith brought up the issue of membership on the Heritage Commission and that as Selectboard representative to the Commission, she would no longer have a seat on the Commission as of May 1, 2022. It is hoped that some accommodation to keep Meredith on the Commission can be arranged. This issue brought up the need for a vice chair, similar to what is done on other committees and commissions. This will be discussed at the April Heritage meeting when the membership of the Commission has been made clear.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update of Lakeside Park activities. She noted that just that day, she had received word of another grant of \$5000 from the Eastman Charitable Foundation. She also gave an update on the parking lot resurfacing and planning of walking trails, hopefully to be done this spring.

Town House: Meredith brought up the issue of a Mooseplate Grant for the Town House and what we should be applying for, planning or repairs to the building. Mary Ann Haagen said she thought we had exhausted the planning issue until such time as land can be acquired and that the building needed to be addressed, first and foremost. All agreed and it was decided that Meredith would make an appointment with Liam Ehrenzweig, Building Inspector, to go through the building and get his opinion on what needs to be addressed in the way of repairs to the building. Meredith will make the appointment and notify the Commission as to date and time.

Mascoma Valley Preservation Update: Linda Jones gave a brief overview of MVP activities. They are growing and looking at ways to manage the organization. Work continues on the Grafton Meeting House and Kimball properties.

Enfield Shaker Museum Report: Shirley and Mary Ann both reported on Enfield Shaker Museum activities. The first in-person Shaker Forum will take place in late April after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. There is good news that school visits to the History Alive program will also come back after two years this spring. Several schools have already signed up for this popular program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair