

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on April 27, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Madeleine Johnson, Alice Kennedy, Selectboard Representative, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Linda Jones excused. The February 16, 2023 Minutes were approved as written.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Meredith Smith was nominated by Shirley Green to be chair and elected unanimously. Madeleine Johnson was nominated by Meredith Smith for Vice Chair and was elected unanimously.

Old Home Days: Meredith informed the Commission that Old Home Days desperately needs volunteers and more actual committee members. She reminded the Commission that OHD was created by the Commission and that it is important to keep it going. A discussion followed about how Heritage might participate. Celie is considering some type of show or performance at the Town House Stage but will need help. Madeleine suggested some type of program to help owners of old and/or historic buildings, bringing in experts on various topics such as window repair, masonry issues, paint, drainage, etc. It was pointed out that this would be a way to start our public information program on historic preservation. Meredith will contact Andrew Cushing to get some ideas on who might serve as speakers/educators for the event.

Warrant Article: A discussion of how best to publicize the Local Historic District resulted in several suggestions. It will require more public information on multiple fronts. Madeleine writes articles relating to heritage issues for the Town Newsletter monthly, but we need to provide more information through Listserv, public forums, Town web site and Facebook page, and even the Valley News. This will be an on-going project, always pointing out the advantages of historic preservation, especially as a tourism and economic driver.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conference: Meredith Smith and Madeleine Johnson attended the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conference on April 13. Speakers from throughout the country addressed issues particularly relevant to Enfield. The organization will be sending their power point presentation to the Heritage Commission in addition to the numerous hand-outs received at the conference. Both attendees felt the information gained will be very useful as we move forward with preservation efforts in Enfield.

Town House: Meredith will be submitting a Letter of Intent for the next round of Mooseplate Grants, due May 5. She has asked Building Inspector Liam Ehrenzweig to make a list of suggested repairs and cost estimates. Once again, we will apply for entrance improvements (new granite steps and railings) but also, additional repairs to the building. Meredith will also contact Mascoma Valley Preservation and ask for their input and suggestions on most pressing issues for the building.

Master Plan: Soon the Master Plan Task Force will be addressing the chapter on historic preservation. The Heritage Commission will suggest topics such as ways to overcome resistance to historic preservation, promoting benefits of preservation (economic development, tourism, community pride), preservation planning in zoning regulations, and grant funding opportunities available through preservation efforts.

Scenic Byway Update: Meredith gave a brief update on the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway. She had contacted William Watson at NH DOT following a suggestion from Amy Dixon (NH Historic Resources). Mr. Watson has apparently broken the log jam on the proposed byway extension and the State has requested the ESVSB resubmit their proposed extension. Meghan

Butts at UVLSRPC is already working on the resubmission. Hopefully, the extension will soon be approved!

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair