

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on August 31, 2023 (postponed from August 24, 2023) in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Madeleine Johnson, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Alice Kennedy, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Linda Jones and Celie Aufiero. The July 27, 2023 Minutes were approved as written.

Shaker Museum Acquisition of La Salette Property

There was general discussion and update of the Museum's acquisition of the La Salette property. There seems to be a consensus that this is a wonderful thing for both the Museum and Enfield. Shirley Green, ESM Trustee, reported that fund raising for the purchase price is going very well.

Preservation Forum

Meredith reported that she had spoken to both Carolyn Smith, Interim Director of the Museum, and Andrew Cushing, Field Officer for NH Preservation Alliance. Both are enthusiastic about the Heritage Commission's proposed preservation workshop. Carolyn Smith has agreed that the Museum could be a co-sponsor of the workshop and Andrew has volunteered the help of the Preservation Alliance. Meredith will follow up with both Andrew and Carolyn. The Commission discussed possible dates and right now, it appears that the end of January or early February would be best. The date will need to be firmed up, however. The Commission also discussed various topics that would be of interest to attendees. They are as follows: Windows and Doors, Flooring, Roofing, Foundations, Paint, Masonry, Energy, Structural Engineering, Architectural Style.

Historic preservation in Master Plan

Once again, the question was asked as to when will Heritage become involved in the section of the Master Plan referring to historic and cultural issues. No one seemed to know the answer.

Lakeside Park Update

Meredith gave a brief report on Lakeside Park. The Paul Mirski Memorial Fund, to plant a grove of trees and a bench in Paul's memory continues to grow. There has been no report to date on the perpetrators of the vandalism at the park. Pattie Fried organized a luncheon for the DPW crew to thank them for their efforts in the clean up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair