

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES August 22, 2019

The Enfield Heritage Commission met at 4:30 PM on August 22, 2019 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth joined the meeting briefly. Excused: Suzanne Hinman and Shirley Green. The June minutes were approved as written (no quorum in July so no July minutes).

There was an extensive discussion regarding Certified Local Government and how to move forward with a proposed Local Historic District. Meredith Smith reviewed her notes from the meeting with Nadine Miller, NH Historic Resources, held in July when they toured Enfield. Linda Jones then presented brochures from the Hartford VT Heritage Commission (Hartford is a CLG town). Each brochure described the individual Local Historic District in Hartford, listing the contributing structures within the district with brief descriptions and a map of the district. It was noted that the brochures had been funded in part with a CLG grant. All agreed that similar brochures would be of benefit to Enfield and highlight the important historical areas of the Town.

The discussion then moved to the most desirable location to propose for the initial Local Historic District. Mary Ann Haagen suggested focusing on Enfield's mill history and locating the district to include the Mill Houses (as noted by Nadine Miller as having importance as remaining existing mill housing) and mill owners and managers housing. The proposed Local Historic District would be within the existing National Historic Register District and extend from the Mill Houses to the Greeley House and include the historic houses on Shaker Hill Road within that area. The Commission agreed to move forward with this plan to identify the Mill Houses and surrounding area as the first Local Historic District. It was also noted that preserving Enfield's mill history is of vital importance.

Meredith informed the Commission that the Town is awaiting notification of the Mooseplate Grant and whether Enfield has been awarded the second grant for the Town House. Ryan Aylesworth joined the conversation and was asked about the tree trimming that is needed at the Town House. Meredith said that the trees have all been marked with surveyor's tape and not are more than three inches in diameter. Ryan agreed to have DPW cut the trees.

There was a brief discussion of the Master Plan, currently underway. There was some concern from the Commission that the possible dividing of the plan into sections titled "live, work, play" would not include historic and cultural resources. It was emphasized that the historic and cultural resources of Enfield would be vital to any future master plan.

Meredith noted Lebanon's program of identifying Local Historic Landmarks (Alice Peck Day house recently identified as a Local Historic Landmark). It was agreed that establishing a Local historic Landmark program for Enfield could be a future goal the Commission.

It was noted that Andrew Cushing and Mascoma Valley Preservation have been successful in their fund raising to acquire the Grafton Meetinghouse. Congratulations are in order!

Meredith gave an update of Lakeside Park, noting that Paul Mirski's generous offer of pro bono architectural work has been accepted by the Lakeside Park Committee. Paul has put forth a design concept for the pavilion that would reflect Enfield's nineteenth century architecture and also be more in keeping with the village location. Instead of a rustic looking pavilion, Paul suggests a simple but traditional looking structure with a bandstand-type appearance. Celie Aufiero made a motion, seconded by Linda Jones, that the Heritage Commission write a letter of support for a traditional looking pavilion at the Lakeside Park. A unanimous vote was passed in support of the motion.

Mary Ann Haagen reminded the Commission of the up-coming Harvest Festival at the Enfield Shaker Museum and the Cider and Cheese Festival in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair