

Enfield Heritage Commission Minutes

September 26, 2019

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on September 26, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Suzanne Hinman, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Mary Ann Haagen. The August minutes were approved as written.

Town House: Meredith informed the Commission of the second Mooseplate Grant, giving the Town a total of \$20,000 for stabilization repairs. Smith also said the trees abutting the brook (one of which is hanging over Town House roof) will be pruned this fall and that it is hoped a volunteer party can be assembled to clear the brook of debris. The issue of land acquisition remains in the forefront of importance. Meredith has learned that LCHIP grants can provide funding for land acquisition, especially if historic properties are involved. It was agreed that an LCHIP grant should be pursued.

Local Historic District Overlays: Linda Jones brought up a discussion of Local Historic Districts and what is needed to prepare for a Town Warrant article, naming Enfield's first Local Historic District (LHD) as the Mill Heritage District, to include the Mill Houses and all structures heading from the Mill Houses towards and including Greeley House (all are currently in National Historic Register District). Linda will coordinate with Land Use and Community Development Director, Rob Taylor regarding regulations for LHD. The Commission was also asked to research other communities with LHD and what their regulations might be for the October 2019 meeting. Establishment of LHD will be the first step in applying for Certified Local Government status.

Mascoma Valley Preservation: Meredith congratulated Mascoma Valley Preservation for its acquisition of the Grafton Meeting House. The question was raised as to how Enfield's Heritage Commission might offer support to MVP. Suggestions of letters of support to local news outlets and attending hearings were two ways of possible assistance and of course, personal financial contributions. Meredith asked if anyone on the Commission might be willing to serve as Enfield's representative to MVP. Linda Jones volunteered. Meredith will let Andrew Cushing know of Linda's offer to volunteer.

Seven to Save events in Grafton & Danbury: Linda Jones asked if anyone on the Commission would like to attend the Seven to Save presentation with her in Danbury on October 1. Linda will represent the Heritage Commission at the celebration. Both Meredith and Shirley Green had conflicting meetings and were unable to attend.

Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update on the design for the pavilion at Lakeside Park. The critical factor will be exactly where the pavilion can be built without encroaching on the area of archeological significance. Architect Paul Mirski is working on several different options for placement of the pavilion which will also satisfy the Shoreline Protection requirements.

Enfield Shaker Museum Activities Report: Shirley Green gave an update on Enfield Shaker Museum fall activities. The popular Cider and Cheese Festival will be held on October 13, followed by the Annual Meeting November 3 and Museum Gala on November 14. She also announced that the Museum's Interim Director Shirley Wajda will arrive October 1.

Other business: Suzanne Hinman proposed that the Commission might introduce a competition to honor outstanding historic preservation work in Enfield, to be publicized by List Serve, Town Newsletter, and other such publicity vehicles. Nominations would be submitted by members of the public. All felt this was an idea worth pursuing.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair