

## AUGUST 22, 2013 MINUTES

### ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The August 22, 2013 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Mary Ann Haagen, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The May minutes were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave a brief update of the Old Home Days. A discussion followed regarding the funds that were remaining from the money raised by the sale of advertising. The Commission felt that a separate account needs to be set up which would allow carrying funds over from one year to the next. Shirley Green will bring this up at the October Budget Committee meeting. If it is not possible to reserve the remaining funds (roughly \$200) to be put towards next year's Old Home Days celebration, the Commission suggested either donating the remaining funds to the Lionesses to be put towards the band concert expenses or alternatively, purchase more signage (political-type outdoor signs) with the same wording as the banners purchased this year. These signs would need to be purchased before December.

Meredith Smith reported that the Greeley House project is progressing. EVA has been alerted that they must conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act and create a handicapped accessible bathroom, provide a handicapped parking space, and create an access to the building that will allow for a wheelchair. EVA is also working on permits with the DES to conform to the Shoreline Protection Act. Smith also reported that in addition to the Byrne Foundation grant, EVA has applied to the Dwinell Foundation and awaits a decision.

The Commission expressed concern that the painting of the Enfield Center Town House has still not been done. The newly re-glazed windows are also in need of painting. Commission members will attend the September 3 Selectboard meeting and request that the necessary painting be done before winter, 2013.

Meredith Smith reported on her June meeting with Jeannie McIntire, Executive Director of the Upper Valley Land Trust regarding campstead easements. The UVLT is very interested in the possibility of instituting a campstead easement program and will be studying the issue further.

Mary Ann Haagen reported on her efforts at creating documentation and wording that will be acceptable to the NH Historic Resources for the historic plaque marking Enfield's National Register District. She expects to have the research and documentation complete by September.

Meredith Smith reported on her meeting with Alex Bernhard and Steve Schneider at the area near the old motel site, presently owned by the State of NH. Alex Bernhard, President of the Merrimack County Rail Trail Alliance favors a compromise solution to what the town would like as he is concerned about the steep grade of the at-grade crossing. He asked if the town had any plan on paper for what they envision in the hoped-for waterfront park on the land currently owned by the State. Meredith Smith suggested the town ask Paul Mirski to draw up a rough plan of what the town proposes for the land in question. Steve Schneider agreed to contact Mirski.

Mary Ann Haagen reported on the many activities going on at the Shaker Museum. Preservation efforts are progressing nicely. The summer children's program is also continuing into September. Plans are progressing to start work on the East Brethren Shop. The Dragonfly Ball will be held on Saturday, August 24.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair