

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The September meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference room. Those in attendance were: Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Shirley Green, Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Meredith Smith, Chair and Rebecca Stewart, alternate (late arrival). The August minutes were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave an update on progress of work at the Greeley House. The DES permit to dig at the site has been approved, as has a building permit. Don Roberts will start next week with the foundation work. The fund raising campaign continues with applications to several grant funding agencies.

Meredith Smith reported on the Selectboard meeting of September 3 when the Enfield Center Town House was discussed at length. Several members of the Heritage Commission attended that meeting in support of addressing maintenance issues with the building. A question was raised regarding who was responsible for monitoring general maintenance including painting. The consensus of the commission was that it fell to the town, not the Heritage Commission to monitor maintaining town owned buildings. Smith reported that it was suggested at the Selectboard meeting that the Heritage Commission approach the CIP Committee regarding the needed painting on the Center Town Hall. They had also suggested the Commission make a list of what needs to be done, prioritizing the order of importance. The Heritage Commission meeting, the members voted unanimously to present a list of maintenance work to the CIP. The first priority is to paint the new glazing on the windows to prevent deterioration of the glazing. The second priority would be to cover the bare wood with paint. Meredith will prepare the list and present it to the CIP and the Selectboard. She will also check with Dave of Dave's Glass Barn to ask how difficult it would be to remove the newly glazed windows for painting (indoors during winter months). Smith also mentioned the possible use of prisoners to paint. She will try to check on this with Ray Burton or Mike Cryans.

Mary Ann Haagen distributed copies of all the old drafts of wording for the historic marker. She also reviewed the extensive documentation which she has prepared to accompany the new draft marker wording. The Commission discussed the new wording and made a couple of minor changes. Mary Ann will send the assembled documentation, along with the revised wording, in the next week or so.

Meredith Smith reported on the meeting with Alex Bernhard (Rail Trail Alliance) and Steve Schneider regarding the railroad underpass and also, the discussion at the September 3 Selectboard meeting. It was suggested at the Selectboard meeting that it would be a good idea to gather wide support from a variety of places. Suggestions included Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission, Mascoma Recreation, NH Fish & Game, Mascoma Lake Association, Sailing Club, Town of Lebanon Recreation, Snow Mobile Clubs, and the Outing Club. Rebecca Stewart will contact Fish & Game. Meredith Smith agreed to contact Steve Schneider regarding the committee suggested by the Selectboard to plan the proposed park at the old motel property. The Commission requests that they be kept informed of any future plans for both the park committee and the park.

In other business, Linda Jones brought up the Historical Society does not have a speaker for next week. They will discuss updates of historical buildings around town.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair