

MARCH 27, 2014 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The March meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on March 27, 2014. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen and Suzanne Hinman were excused. The February minutes were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave a brief report on the annual award given at town meeting. This year's award was presented to Richard Henderson and accepted by his daughter, Jean Patten due to Henderson being ill.

Smith gave an update on the progress of restoration at the Greeley house. It is expected that EVA will be in their offices in May. There will be a celebration and kick-off of the public fund raising campaign on May 17 to coincide with the EVA sponsored Green-Up Day. Linda Jones asked if the trim on the house would remain white. All agreed that it should be a very dark green or black. Meredith Smith will relay the opinion of the commission to the Greeley House Committee.

There was a general discussion of how to approach the new owner of the Langley House/Currier Shop. It was agreed that the first step would be to write a letter to the new owner, welcoming him to Enfield and offering the Heritage Commission's assistance with information about the historical background of the building. Meredith will draft a letter and send it to Mary Ann Haagen for editing and further comments. It is anticipated that the letter will be sent after Mary Ann returns from Winterthur in April.

Meredith gave a brief update on activities planned for Old home Days. That committee will meet next week. Shirley Green is working on fund raising.

There was a discussion of possible new historic plaque program. Enfield Center seems to be the next area to address with markers. The Commission hopes that EVA will once again partner with the Commission in this program. Meredith will talk to the EVA Director.

Smith informed the Commission that Kurt Gotthart had expressed an interest in the Campstead Easement Program. Shirley Green said that he was interested in the Campstead easements as part of the Master Plan process. Meredith has sent him the information she has on the program

A discussion of Enfield Shaker Museum activities brought up several things. There is a series of lectures held in the next few weeks on the Shakers, the Shaker Forum will be held at the end of April, and the Taste, Toast, & Tour fund raiser will be held on April 12. It appears that many people don't know about that event. Shirley Green passed out information on how to make reservations.

Linda Jones spoke about the Historical Society program to be held next week. Adair Mulligan will speak on cellar holes. It was also mentioned that the Humanities to Go program had been cut and it was more difficult to schedule a program through them. A suggestion was made that partnering with another organization such as the Heritage Commission might help in reserving a program for the Historical Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair