

AUGUST 28, 2014 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The August meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Town Manager Steve Schneider also attended as a guest. The July minutes were approved as written.

The agenda was focused on Planning and Zoning Administrator, Scott Osgood attending to update the Commission on the proposed lakefront park and charette application to Plan New Hampshire. Mr. Osgood was detained at another meeting and was not able to attend. In his absence, Steve Schneider gave the Commission an update. He said there has been no word from DOT or DHR regarding the future use of the state-owned land abutting the lake and Rail Trail. Enfield has applied for a charette to be done by Plan NH which would create a vision and plan for the property in question. Plan NH has expressed an interest in Enfield's application. Steve said a decision will be made this fall on the charette proposal. Meredith mentioned that Plan NH had done the charette which resulting in the creation of EVA. Steve also noted that the Rail Trail is installing granite mile markers. Ken Warren has contacted Steve about mowing. Linda asked what the agenda of the Rail Trail Alliance is. Meredith asked who was the major road block; the DHR or the Rail Trail Alliance. Steve feels it is the Rail Trail people who are holding things up.

Meredith asked if it would be useful to marshal other organizations such as the Mascoma Lake Association and the Sailing Club to support Enfield's desired plan for the park. Steve felt that would be regarded as adversarial and not a good idea. Meredith clarified that she did not mean it to be an adversarial action; simply one of support. Lee Carrier and Steve will meet with state engineer later in the fall to discuss possible options.

There was a discussion of the new Family Dollar Store on Route 4. Every member of the Commission felt that the store was a terrible eyesore and an embarrassment to Enfield. Several members thought the TIF Committee had put some design guidelines into the planning of Route 4. Steve said there were no guidelines. The Heritage Commission will begin to investigate the possibility of design guidelines similar to what other New Hampshire towns have in place.

Linda Jones reported on attending Canaan Old Home Days.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair