

## April 23, 2015 Heritage Commission Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on April 23, 2015 at 4:30 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Linda Jones, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The March minutes were approved as written.

**Charrette:** Meredith Smith updated the Commission on what is being done to move the vision of the charette forward. A sub-committee of the EVA Economic Development Committee has been formed to assist in investigating the various obstacles currently preventing the implementation of the charette, in particular, acquisition of the two lots in question.

**Design Guidelines:** Smith again brought up the need for a Heritage member to serve on the Planning Board. It was suggested that Smith speak to Scott Osgood about an alternate seat on the Planning Board as a start. Linda Jones brought a copy of Canaan Historic Regulations. It was pointed out that although some of Canaan's Historic District Regulations are controversial, most of their regulations are currently covered under Enfield's zoning laws. The Commission was reminded that Canaan has no zoning. Linda suggested we begin with voluntary guidelines. It was agreed that the Commission would spend next year assembling a packet of information relevant to design guidelines and that a brochure or pamphlet to be created and made available. Suzanne mentioned when she was on EVA Design Committee (2010) when design guidelines were discussed and that Steve Schneider suggested health and safety issues as a good approach to guidelines. At the time, it was suggested a Property Maintenance Ordinance be created to prevent things like old mattresses being placed in front of houses. Mary Ann Haagen suggested selecting one or two items from the Canaan regulations and including them in the current zoning regulations (which would involve a town warrant article to amend the zoning). It was also suggested that the Commission investigate the possibility of modifying zoning in historic district. All agreed to take this approach.

**Planning Grants:** Meredith Smith brought up the need to get the Enfield Center Town House declared eligible for either the State or National Historic Register before the NH Preservation Alliance Planning Grant Application can move forward. Suzanne Hinman and Marjorie Carr will work on the application for eligibility, to be submitted to NH Historic Resources for their review. Smith noted that the eligibility Committee meets twice a month. Once the research and paperwork are complete and required photographs taken, the application will be submitted.

**Enfield Center Town House:** Meredith Smith noted that the owner of the land surrounding the Town House is Michael Muzzey. She suggested that Celie Aufiero approach Mr. Muzzey, first to ask if his land might be used for parking during the Old Home Days dance and also, perhaps to inquire about a possible negotiation with the town to acquire enough land to make the Town House viable. Marge Carr noted that the entrance steps should be checked before the dance this summer as they look a little unstable. Smith will contact Steve Schneider about the entrance.

**Plaque Program:** Suzanne brought samples of the types of historic plaques that Canaan is currently using. She also passed out copies of the brochure and order form Canaan uses for its plaque program. Meredith will ask Kristin Harrington to create a brochure, using Canaan's as a model, that would be available for the Selectboard review at the May 18 meeting (Heritage to present plaque program to Selectboard at May 18 meeting). All agreed that the Hewitt House would be a good choice for the photograph to be included in the brochure. Meredith will contact Tony Lozeau and ask him if he has a good photo of the building. It was suggested that Old Home Days would be a good time to kick off the plaque program. It was also suggested that Heritage purchase a plaque for the Greeley House to give townspeople an idea of what the plaques will look like. The high visibility of the Greeley House was noted as making it ideal for exposure for the program. All agreed to proceed with the program and purchase a plaque to be located at the Greeley House. Meredith will contact Alisa to get on Selectboard agenda for May 18.

**Parade Participation:** Marjorie Carr informed the Commission that the Historical society would participate in the Old Home Days parade, most likely riding in a vehicle.

**Other Business:** Suzanne suggested a tour of the baronesses house on Shaker hill Road which is for sale. Suzanne will arrange a tour with the real estate agent prior to the May Heritage meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair