

May 28, 2015 HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on May 28, 2015 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith. The April minutes were approved as written with two small edits.

Lakefront Project

Meredith Smith informed the Commission of the newly formed Mascoma Lake Public Access Taskforce. She also informed the Commission of the new agreement with the DOT for Enfield's use of the old motel property. This will allow the town to use the land for recreational purposes until a final decision is made regarding the Main Street DOT project. The agreement is renewable on a more or less annual basis or at the request of the DOT to revoke it. Smith also noted that the MLPAT is investigating the possibilities of forming a 501-C3 to help with funding of amenities at the site.

Planning Grants

Marjorie Carr and Suzanne Hinman have been working on the documentation for the application to State for eligibility to the Historic Register. The application is almost complete.

Enfield Center Town House

Meredith brought up the need to contact Mr. Muzzey, the owner of the land surrounding the Town House. Celie agreed to contact Muzzey prior to this summer's Old Home Days dance at the site. Meredith also suggested that the Commission develop a list of possible uses for the building to submit to CIP Committee. She pointed out that the building has a stage and much improved acoustics to that of the Community Building. It also has a wonderful charm lacking in other public buildings and could be rented out for various functions with proper amenities such as well, septic, and parking. Shirley Green mentioned new septic systems which take up very little space. Meredith mentioned the need for volunteers to assist in the clean-up of the Town House, scheduled for June 19, June 26, and July 10.

Plaque Program

Meredith reported that the proposed plaque program was approved by the Selectboard at their May 18 meeting. The Commission then discussed how best to publicize the new plaque program. It was suggested to kick off the program at Old Home Days. Possibilities include having someone at the Greeley House Open House with brochures and a sample sign, the ice cream social, and the car show and craft fair on Sunday. The Commission also agreed to purchase a plaque for the Greeley house, since it is in a very prominent location. The issue of how homeowners should provide documentation of their old house was discussed. It was suggested that if no other documentation was available, they could go to the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. It was also decided that homeowners must include photocopied historic information about their property. The Commission selected Venetian as the font to be used in the plaques. Suzanne Hinman will proceed with ordering the plaque for the Greeley House.

Museum News

Mary Ann Haagen described the archeological dig that is taking place at the Museum. The first phase will be in front of the Great Stone Dwelling to try and find the foundation stones of the Trustee's Office. They have found some foundation stones already. There will be a talk each day at 12:30. She added that Jim Kelleher had donated box of Shaker artifacts to the Museum which he found in the process of building his house..

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair