

September 24, 2015

HERITAGE COMMISSION Minutes

The September meeting of the Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on September 24, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Those present were: Linda Jones, Marge Carr, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The August minutes were approved as written.

Enfield Center Town House

Meredith reported that she would be meeting with Maggie Stier at the Center Town House on Friday, September 25. There was a general discussion of what is wrong with the building. Shirley brought up the new septic system design that takes very little space which might be used at the Town House. Linda Jones gave an extensive report on her conversation with Andrew Cushing, a local graduate student studying historic preservation. Andrew has been involved with several preservation projects and gave Linda some tips on possible funding sources. He was also familiar with the Town House and had attended the Old Home Days dance there in July.

Update from MLPAT

Meredith reported on the progress made with the Selectboard in moving the DOT project forward. She indicated that the next step will be for Steve to meet with Victoria Chase at DOT. Meredith also told the Commission that nothing can be done on Lot 44 until a second archeological survey is done. That survey will cost about \$3000. She is hoping a provision can be put into the 2016 budget to pay for that survey.

Certified Local Government

A general discussion of the Certified Local Government program was put off till next month. Check with Andrew.

Historic Marker Program

There was a discussion of the best ways to publicize the Historic Marker Program. Meredith will create a poster to accompany the brochure. She will also get some Historic Marker Brochures printed up to be distributed at the October Historical Society meeting.

Oral History Project

It was suggested we start with Enfield Center residents, creating a list of names of people who might have remembrances of the "old days". Meredith asked the Commission to start thinking about questions that could be asked as part of the oral history project. Suggestions included asking if they were members of the grange, the Earnest Workers Club, and the Fire Dept. Other possible questions included whether they had horses, what kind of cars they drove, and did they attend Christmas parties at the Town House. It was also suggested a poster be put up at Proctors, asking for recollections.

Meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair