

## October 22, 2015 Minutes

### Enfield Heritage Commission

The October 22, 2015 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room, and called to order at 4:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The September minutes were approved as written.

Meredith gave an update from the Mascoma Lake Public Access Taskforce. She reported that there had been a good meeting with a team from DES and that they made several excellent suggestions. The next step will probably be to get the necessary archeological dig done on Lot 44 so that other improvements can be made at the site such as adding picnic tables and benches.

There was a brief discussion of the Certified Local Government program. Meredith pointed out that the main benefit was access to grant funding not otherwise available. To become a CLG, Enfield would have to create design guidelines for its historic district. However, these guidelines would not be any more onerous than current zoning regulations. In other words, Enfield can create design guidelines as strict or as liberal as they see fit. This will be a project to pursue in the future, possibly with the cooperation of EVA.

Meredith reported on Maggie Stier's visit to the Center Town House on September 25. Paul Mirski also attended the meeting with Maggie and was able to look under the building for the possible cause of the floor sag. It was quite clear that water had flowed under the building and knocked over several supporting posts at some point in the past. This was also confirmed by the engineering report done by Engineering Ventures. The root of the problem appears to be the occasional flooding from the adjacent brook. Meredith also reported that she had met with Peter Michaud of NH Historic Resources in the previous week. Peter took many pictures of the building and gave Meredith some good suggestions as to how to proceed with an application to place the building on the National Historic Register. Having NHR designation will enable the building to be eligible for possible preservation grant funding. The Commission will focus on doing the necessary research for the NHR application as suggested by Peter. Several possible sources for information on the building were suggested. Linda mentioned the Nellie Pierce notebooks and that some are missing. A percentage of her collection is at Dartmouth. Other possible sources of information included Dick Henderson, Jimmy Proctor, and Evelyn Palmer. Linda volunteered to speak with Evelyn about the Town House.

Meredith brought up the Historic Marker Program. Linda reported that she had spoken about the program at the October Historical Society meeting where she also had brochures on the program available. Unfortunately, there appeared to be little interest and no brochures were taken. It was decided that pending the Heritage budget for 2015, the Commission should purchase a plaque that could be used at various events such as town meeting for illustration purposes. It was agreed that the Commission would purchase one of the larger sized plaques for the Town House but it would not be installed immediately as it would be used as a "demonstration model". A vote was taken which was unanimous to proceed with the purchase for the Town House

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM. Meredith reminded everyone that the next meeting would be December 10 as there is no Heritage meeting in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair