

December 11, 2015

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on December 11, 2015 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Haagen, Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The October minutes were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave an update on the status of the proposed lakefront park, noting that the Selectboard had approved the rough plan for plantings, car top boat ramp, and other improvements along the by-pass road. Smith stressed that all suggested improvements had been recommended by the DES and would help in alleviating run-off into the lake. The MLPAT group is now looking for funding to complete the archeological survey necessary to proceed with Lot 44.

Meredith announced that the Upper Valley Land Trust has asked to attend the January 2016 Heritage meeting to discuss their plans for the conservation easement they are working on for land surrounding Smith Pond. She added that she had invited Steve Schneider and Dolores Struckhoff, Enfield Shaker Museum Director, to attend the meeting. Marjorie Carr suggested that Kurt Gotthart also be invited. Of interest to the Heritage Commission will be the effects of the conservation easement on former Shaker lands and the Shaker water system.

There was an extensive discussion of the Enfield Center Town House and what strategies to move forward with the National Register application. Marjorie has found in the town report of 1909 that they voted to give \$500 for "repairs" to the town house. She has a detailed list of materials and labor for how the money was spent but there was no mention of the bead board or stage being installed. In an earlier document, Marjorie noted the removal of a platform which may be the Selectboard platform which preceded the stage. Linda Jones reported on her visit with Evelyn Palmer. Evelyn remembers the building being used for Christmas parties and bake sales but has no other recollections of uses for the building. She did not remember anything about the possibility of sewer and water hook-up coming from the Union Church. Evelyn also suggested we talk to Bert Gilbert and Dot Emerson.

Meredith said she had requested the funding (\$65) for the historic marker for the Town House but needed to confirm the wording with the Commission. It was decided that Enfield Center Town House was preferable to Enfield Center Town Hall which might be confusing. (*Note that the building is referred to by both names.) The actual date of construction of the Town House was confirmed to be 1845 and not 1843 as currently stated on the front of building. Meredith will proceed with ordering the historic marker with the wording "Enfield Center Town House, 1845."

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair