

January 28, 2016 Heritage Commission Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on January 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM at the DPW building. Those present: Linda Jones, Steve Schneider, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, special guest Jeanie McIntyre, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The December minutes were approved as written.

Guest Jeanie McIntyre, President, Upper Valley Land Trust, gave a power point presentation of the conservation easement that has been placed on almost 1000 acres of land surrounding Smith Pond. The lands conserved include much of the remnants of the Shaker canal system which the Shakers used to power their various industries. The Land Trust will work closely with the Enfield Shaker Museum and Heritage Commission to protect and preserve these artifacts. Meredith Smith asked if signage along the trail system might be accomplished at some point in the future. Jeanie confirmed that they hoped this would happen.

Meredith gave an update from the Mascoma Lake Public Access Taskforce. She reported that they had a very cordial meeting with the new DOT Commissioner, Victoria Sheehan and Councilor Joe Kenney at the site. Ms. Sheehan commented on the extraordinary beauty of the location and how wonderful it will be to have a park there. Meredith asked Steve Schneider if the \$3000 needed for the archeological survey had been put into the 2016 Heritage budget as a special project. Steve confirmed that it was in the budget.

Meredith reminded the Commission members that a Town Meeting table was planned for the Historic Marker Program. It is hoped that the plaque for the Enfield Center Town House will arrive prior to town meeting so it can be used as a sample for the public to look at. Meredith has made arrangements with David Beaufait, Town Moderator, to have a table in the hallway at town meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair