

March 23, 2017 Heritage Commission Minutes

The Enfield_Heritage Commission met on March 23, 2017 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The February minutes were approved as written.

National Register Application

Meredith informed the Commission that the National Register application for the Enfield Center Town House had been submitted and that it would be reviewed on April 24 at the NH Historical Review meeting. Peter Michaud, NHR point person at NH Historic Resources has advised that the building will probably be added to the Register by June of this year.

Whitney Hall

There was a general discussion of concern for the state of the Whitney Hall Auditorium. Smith noted the many water stains on the ceiling, poor lighting, and that birds were getting into the building. Marjorie Carr confirmed that there have been long standing problems with the roof and suggested a slate roofing contractor be hired to inspect the roof. All agreed that the Heritage Commission must make sure the Town addresses these issues. Meredith will follow up with Jim Taylor.

Mooseplate Grant Application

There was a general discussion and review of the Mooseplate Grant application for Enfield Center Town House. Meredith said she had contacted Matt Dow and asked for a written estimate of what needs to be done to stabilize the building. Linda Jones also passed out a document with her ideas for what might be done eventually with the building, including suggestions for acquiring the surrounding land.

NH Preservation Alliance

Linda Jones has volunteered to attend the Spring Conference of the NH Preservation Alliance and requested that the Town re-join the Alliance (membership has lapsed) at a cost of \$50. Meredith will turn in the membership application form to Alisa for approval immediately.

Annual Award

Meredith gave brief report on the annual award presentation at Town Meeting. She added that Peter Michaud had applauded the Commission's decision to give the award to Andrew Cushing, saying that he had done an outstanding job with the NHR application.

Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway

Meredith reported on the Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway meeting and said the overriding issue right now was the name. The Lebanon representatives do not like the word "Enfield" in the title as they feel it excludes Lebanon. Meredith pointed out that it is important to distinguish between Enfield and Canterbury Shakers and therefore, the word Enfield needs to be included. Meredith and Marjorie sit on the Byway Advisory Board and will work to keep the name Enfield Shaker Byway.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair