

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES      October 26, 2017

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM on October 26, 2017. Those in attendance: Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen and Marjorie Carr were excused. The September minutes were approved as written.

Town House Update: Ryan informed the Commission about the bids for work on the Town House as described in the Mooseplate Grant. Currently the Town is accepting RFPs for the work to be done. Ryan met with Don Roberts during the past week following the meeting with Phil Neily, Building Inspector, and Meredith Smith. Don suggested replacing the tongue and groove floor with wide boards to avoid trying to repair and patch the existing finished floor. Don felt that wide pine floors would be more in keeping with the building than the present oak flooring. Meredith felt that replacing the existing floor would not conform to the Secretary of Interior's guidelines which the Town must do in accordance with the grant. Meredith agreed to contact NH Historic Resources and ask if the floor could be replaced and meet the terms of the grant. Both Don Roberts and Matt Dow feel that there is no way to do the repairs without cutting into the present flooring.

Master Plan: All felt that historic issues should be taken into consideration as the new Master Plan is developed. There was some concern expressed regarding development and that issues such as traffic, sprawl, and environmental concerns must be given equal importance.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: Shirley Green reported on the very successful Cider Fest held at the Museum recently which attracted over 500 people. She also mentioned the up-coming Fall Gala and Annual Meeting.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Ryan updated the Commission on the possible legal funding options for the Lakeside Park. EVA can fund raise and donate the money for purchase of the land (for the park) but it would probably require a Town Meeting vote to accept the funds for that purpose. The Town can also offer the option of accepting tax deductible donations for land purchase. These issues will be worked out with the Town attorney and the Lakeside Park fund raising committee.

Press Release: Linda passed out two press releases announcing the Mooseplate Grant for the Enfield Center Town House; one for general release and the other longer one which included a history of the Town House. There were a few minor word smithing suggestions but otherwise all heartily approved of Linda's efforts. It is hoped one of the press releases can be included in the next Town newsletter.

Historic Workshops: Suzanne Hinman presented the Commission with information regarding historic house workshops put on by Historic New England. Suzanne had followed up on a notice in the Valley News about an historic house workshop in Windsor, VT which covered issues such as historically appropriate paint colors, restoration of old windows, and weatherization and energy conservation. She provided the Commission with contact information which Meredith will follow up with. It was thought this would be an excellent program for the Commission to co-host with the Museum and Historical Society. Meredith will contact Dolores Struckhoff to inquire if the Museum might be interested in participating/co-hosting and Linda will present the co-host idea to the Historical Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM. Next meeting December 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair