

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 7, 2017

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on December 7, 2017 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen was excused. The October minutes were approved as written.

Lakeside Park: Meredith gave an update on developments with the Mascoma Lakeside Park. She informed the Commission that a Fund-Raising Committee has been formed and work will begin very soon on a major fund-raising effort to provide funds to purchase the two NH DOT lots bordering Lake Mascoma. The fund-raising will be channeled through a Restricted Purpose Trust Fund under the governance of the Enfield Trustees of the Trust Funds. Meredith noted that a goal of \$500,000 has been set and if successful, it should provide funding for land purchase and amenities. She also explained the process required to get to the point where Enfield will be offered the opportunity to purchase the two lots. It is anticipated that this will take several months but the first step of NH DOT declaring the lots surplus has been accomplished.

Town House: Meredith reported that the Town is in the process of gathering proposals for the work to be done on the Town House as described in the Mooseplate Grant. The grant will probably not cover all the work that needs to be done, especially correcting the drainage issues relating to the brook.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith reported that the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway is now back in good standing with the NH DOT. There will be one more required meeting (December 19, 2017) and then, regular quarterly meetings will be planned. Meredith explained that this will allow Enfield and the Byway to be on tourism maps produced by the State and should be an economic boost to the Town in addition to the Museum and La Salette Shrine.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: Shirley Green reported on the very successful Gala and auction held at the Enfield Shaker Museum in November. Approximately \$23,000 was raised from the event. Shirley also reminded the Commission of the up-coming Festival of Trees.

Possible goals for 2018: First and foremost, completion of repairs to the Town House will be a goal for 2018, especially making sure the work will be finished in time for Old Home Days. Other goals include promoting the Scenic Byway, working with the Lakeside Park Committee to advocate for the park, provide on-going information and support for Enfield's historic properties and sites, and improve the Heritage Commission's presence on the Town web site, especially with old photographs of Enfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair