

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES 2-22-18

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM on February 22, 2018. Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Mary Ann Haagen, Marjorie Carr, Ryan Aylesworth, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Dan Kiley attended as a member of the public. The January minutes were approved as written.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update of fund raising efforts of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee. She reminded everyone that there will be a public informational forum at the Community Building on Monday, February 26 at 7 PM. She urged all to attend.

Town House Update: There was an extensive discussion of what should be done regarding the Mooseplate Grant for the Town House. Meredith noted that the Town has until September of 2019 to complete the work as described in the grant application. However, she also said that Phil Neily, Building Inspector, felt that unless drainage work was done in conjunction with the structural work (as described in the grant), it would be wasted money to carry out the structural work on the building. Meredith informed the Commission that she had spoken to Amy Dixon, Grant Coordinator at NH Historic Resources and that Amy had suggested applying for an LCHIP grant to coincide with the Mooseplate Grant. That grant should be written to cover both drainage work and the necessary remaining (approximately) \$4500 needed to complete the structural work. Dan Kiley mentioned that the CIP had not been informed that the requested \$4500 would be in addition to the \$10,000 Mooseplate Grant, an unfortunate oversight. Meredith will continue to explore options for the Town House and also ask Ryan to get some firm figures on drainage work and another bid on structural work to be done.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith noted that the first meeting of the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway will take place sometime in March as determined by the Doodle Poll sent out by UVLSPC. A brief discussion of where to extend the Byway to resulted in determining George Hill as the boundary.

Whitney Hall: Meredith asked if anyone knew if the slate roof repairs had been done last year as had been suggested. No one seemed to know. There was general agreement that all Town buildings are in need of an on-going maintenance plan, especially Whitney Hall. Dan Kiley noted that there is a warrant article requesting \$40,000 for a study of Town buildings that will create a plan for maintenance. Meredith also brought up the possibility of once again looking at applying to become a Certified Local Government town which would offer opportunities for grant funding for buildings such as Whitney Hall.

There was also a discussion of where the Library fund raising campaign stood. It was felt that the question of Whitney Hall (and repairs) might affect Library fund raising. It appears that the Library fund raising has a long way to go before the new library can be built. Mary Ann suggested updates from the Library Trustees would be very useful.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: A brief report of activities at the Museum covered the Spring Forum, Snowshoe Fest, and the plan for interim leadership at the Museum prior to a new director being employed.

Other business: Marjorie Carr mentioned that she and Linda Jones had attended an interesting program on historic preservation at the Norwich Historical Society last month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair

