

Enfield Heritage Commission March 22, 2018 Minutes

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on March 22, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Linda Jones, Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Excused: Mary Ann Haagen and Celie Aufiero. The February minutes were approved as written.

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Meredith gave a brief update on the Lakeside Park and the overwhelming positive vote to support the park at Town Meeting.

Town House Update: The Commission expressed concern that the Mooseplate Grant and the work described in the grant appears to be stalled. There is also a general concern that the Town buildings, especially those of historic significance, are not being maintained as they should be. Three motions were passed addressing issues relating to the Town House. Motion #1: To complete the work as described in the Mooseplate Grant, addressing the structural issues of the building. If no money can be raised through Town funds (\$4500) or other sources to complete the work as described in the grant, the work must be accomplished to as much as the \$10,000 will allow. Motion#2: To obtain a firm estimate on drainage to be done at the Town House (no grant can be written for this without a firm estimate). Motion #3: To pursue LCHIP grant funding for necessary work to be done at the Town House. The vote was unanimous on all three motions. In addition to these motions, Shirley Green and Linda Jones will be contacting Enfield Center residents who might be interested in preservation of the Town House. All agreed that even with seasonal use, this building is a valuable asset to the Town.

Whitney Hall: Meredith reported that Ryan had checked with Jim Taylor regarding the work on the Whitney Hall roof that was suggested last year by the Heritage Commission due to indications of leaks in the roof. Jim confirmed that no work had been done. The Commission feels that in situations like this, when a recommendation has been made for a repair to an historic building belonging to the Town, the Commission should be kept in the loop regarding work to be done and when and if it has been accomplished.

Survey of Town Buildings: There was a discussion of the survey of Town buildings that the CIP has proposed. The Commission feels that in the case of historic Town buildings, it should be closely involved in an advisory capacity. While it is important to assess problems within the buildings, it is also vital that all options will be on the table, such as wood window restoration (as recommended by NH Division of Historic Resources) and alternative heating, insulation, and cooling options.

Certified Local Government Program: Linda Jones agreed to look more deeply into the Certified Local Government Program and create a list of the requirements that would be needed to have Enfield participate. The value of the Certified Local Government Program to Enfield will be in providing funding for repairs and maintenance of its buildings, especially Whitney Hall.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: Meredith gave a report of the Enfield Scenic Byway Advisory Board meeting that was held on March 20. The Advisory Board plans to request an extension to the existing Byway which will include Main Street to Shaker Hill Road, rejoining Route 4 A where Shaker Hill Road intersects with 4A. The current Byway which extends from the intersection of Routes 4 and 4A to the Shaker Museum will be extended as far as George Hill. Lebanon is also looking to extend the Byway further into Lebanon. The next meeting will be in late May.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: Meredith asked Shirley Green to request that the Museum Board nominate a new representative to the Byway Advisory Board since Dolores Struckhoff (former Museum representative to the Advisory Board) has resigned as Museum Executive Director. Shirley will bring this issue to the next Museum board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Smith, Chair