

Enfield Heritage Commission Minutes 4-26-18

The Enfield Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 4:30 PM on April 26, 2018. Those in attendance: Suzanne Hinman, Shirley Green, Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The March minutes were approved as written.

Jakes Project: There was a lengthy discussion of the proposed new Jakes Market and gas station. The Commission expressed concern that the proposed building is not in keeping with the village architecture nor does it reflect the fact it is in a National Historic Register District. Several suggestions were made as to how the building might be made somewhat more attractive. Those suggestions including shutters, window boxes, 6 over 6 type windows (gridded), color scheme in harmony with village, and improved landscaping and plantings. Meredith will write a letter to Mr. Bergeron, Jakes owner, expressing the Commission's concerns. The letter will be circulated to Town Manager and Commission members for edits and additions prior to sending.

Mascoma Lakeside Park: Meredith gave a brief update of the fund-raising efforts for the park. She also noted that the Mascoma Lake Association has some concerns about the park regarding increased motor boat traffic and increased milfoil infestation.

Town House Update: Meredith informed the Commission that she is still waiting for a bid on the drainage work that will be needed prior to applying for an LCHIP grant. She will attend the LCHIP workshop next week to learn more about the process of application. Shirley reported that she has spoken to Eric Crate and Kristin Harrington regarding the possibility of getting Enfield Center residents involved in fund raising and support for the Town House. They are both enthusiastic and feel the Town House would have many uses if it could be made stable. Shirley agreed to organize a meeting with Enfield Center residents, possibly at the Union Church which has been supportive of the Town House in the past.

Whitney Hall: Meredith reported that she had met with Andrew Cushing the previous week. They toured Whitney Hall to get Andrew's opinion of the building's condition in preparation for a possible LCHIP grant. Andrew said he did not see anything too overwhelming or terrible in the building (or in the structural report Meredith had sent to him) that could not be fixed. The first step would be to apply for a Preservation Alliance survey grant that would provide a qualified historic architect or engineer's assessment of the building (required for an LCHIP grant in excess of \$50,000). Andrew estimated that Enfield could apply for LCHIP grant in the range of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Certified Local Government Program: Linda Jones attended the Old House and Barn Conference on March 23 and 24 and was able to gather a tremendous amount of information about the Certified Local Government Program. She was also able to have an extensive conversation with Andrew Cushing (attending the conference as a presenter). Andrew gave Linda some excellent guidance regarding the application process to become a CLG town. Linda passed out relevant information about the program and what would be required. The consensus was that the Commission should begin the rather involved process of becoming a CLG town which would then allow Enfield to access grant funding that would otherwise not be available to the Town. Meredith will follow up with Ryan and Linda will begin the process by gathering resumes from Commission members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair