

Each quarter we have exciting news to share and this one is no exception. Construction is underway, we've received a \$50,000 grant...read on!

MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2017

Putnam Foundation Awards MHHA \$50,000 Grant

In August, the Putnam Foundation awarded MHHA a \$50,000 grant which will be used towards the restoration of the waterworks in 2018. The Foundation was established in 1952 and supports historic preservation, cultural enhancement, and ecological maintenance, particularly in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. We are grateful not only for the generous financial support, but also for the partnership of such a knowledgeable and trusted organization.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On September 16, some 50 people were on hand to don hard hats and shovel ceremonial dirt to celebrate the Mill's official groundbreaking. Participants included Jane Stabler of the Putnam Foundation, current and former board members and many friends and supporters. Contributors to our 2017 Founders' Circle Challenge included: Dan and Joyce Cull, Bob Beck, and Jim Howard, and Donna Sabin in absentia.



L - R: Bob Beck, Dan Cull, Jim Howard, Bob Brown, Joyce Cull, Ellen Chase, Michael Chaladoff, Margaret Chase Perry, Bruce Montgomery, Helen Frink, Sharon Spaulding. *Photo by Tafi Brown*

Construction Progress

Jeff Ingram, his team, and subcontractors are hard at work. **Rick Geddes** of Concord, NH has lifted the Mill off its stone underpinnings to level and stabilize the building. Mason **Jerrod Lepisto** with crew Casey and Scott, is replacing the stone foundation walls beneath the ell. **Scott Worden** (Ingram Construction) is splicing posts and positioning a new sill under the ell. Engineer **Ted Fellows** and architect

Dan Bartlett continue to sort out details of the dam and foundation repair. MHHA's **Bob**

Brown daily checks the work in progress and helps determine the next stages.



New sill and compacted crushed stone base under the south side of the ell. *Photo by Bob Brown.*

Many other talented professionals are helping with donations of materials, wisdom, and experience. Thank You's also to: **Bob and James Taylor**, **Ben and Dan Northcott** (the Fuzzy Brothers), **Chris Madigan and Tom Page**, **The Timber Frame Workshop**, **Tedd and Christine Benson**.

Woodworking Demos

In August, Chase's Mill hosted demos of "old-time" woodworking skills given by [Jason Breen](#) of West Brattleboro, VT, and by MHHA board member [Wade Smith](#) of Alstead. About 40 people learned how to use old planes to make moldings, froes to make wooden shingles, and riving (splitting) to make fence rails.

Kids Get a Look at Water-Powered Mill Works

Using working models made by Heman Chase, MHHA Board members Helen Frink and Margaret Chase Perry demonstrated the workings of an overshot wheel at the Acworth Sestercentennial in August. Onlookers, especially kids, were fascinated. Their enthusiasm shows that there is real interest in understanding how gears and pulleys work. In our age of touch screens and mobile devices, we hope to revive a basic grasp of the simpler, visible technology and experiential learning that Chase's Mill represents.

Raise the Roof & Turn the Turbine Fall Fundraising

We will be kicking off our fall fundraising initiative in the next few weeks. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 by the end of the year. Money raised will be used toward the cost of a new roof, dormers, the waterworks in 2018, and general operating expenses. Stay tuned for details!



MHHA board member Wade Smith (Mill Hollow Works) demonstrates the art of riving or splitting logs for fences. *Photo: Tafi Brown*



Margaret Chase Perry demonstrates an overshot wheel at the Acworth Sestercentennial in August. *Photo by Helen Frink.*

With foundation stones dating to 1767, Chase's Mill has an important story to tell about the history of community and manufacturing in New England. MHHA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working to rehabilitate the structure and open as a living museum and makerspace in 2020. Your [donations](#) are tax deductible.

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