



Two of the three new dormers and new roof.

MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY UPDATE

June 2018

Chase's Mill Has a New Roof / Dormers Waterworks Restoration Underway

Thanks to your support and [Ingram Construction](#), [Chase's Mill](#) now has a new roof and dormers. Work was completed in May.

Waterworks Renovation Underway

The planning for restoration of the penstock, turbine, and repair to the dam has been on-going throughout last winter. In June, board member [Wade Smith](#) succeeded in removing the turbine and was delighted to find that while it may look rusty, it is in better shape than anticipated. Within the next few weeks, work will begin to restore the waterworks. Repairs to the dam will be phased over this summer and spring 2019.



Turbine ready for restoration.

Grants

In early June, George Born of the [New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program](#) (LCHIP) toured the Mill and deemed Phase One "complete." Phase One included leveling and shoring the building, foundation repairs, and replacing the roof and dormers. It was funded in large part by a \$100,000 grant awarded by LCHIP in December 2016. We matched these funds in spring 2017 and work began soon after.

Having completed Phase One, on June 22, board member (and historian and author) [Helen Frink](#), our chief grant writer, submitted a new request to LCHIP for an additional \$150,000. If awarded, we will need to match these funds. These monies would be used towards completing windows, siding, electrical and other repairs necessary to open in 2020. LCHIP will announce its awards in December 2018. Stay tuned...

During the first two quarters of 2018 we received additional grants - \$6,000 from the Catalyst Fund managed by the [New Hampshire Charitable Foundation](#), \$2,500 from the [Acworth Community Charitable Trust](#), and \$2,000 from an Anonymous foundation. We have additional applications outstanding and continue to pursue grant opportunities. If you know of an opportunity that we should apply for, [please let us know!](#)

Board Changes

After serving as Vice President for two years, **Bob Brown** recently handed over this role to Treasurer **Michael Chaladoff**. Bob will remain on the board and continue to oversee all aspects of construction and rehabilitation.

Margaret Chase Perry, who served on our board for six years and is a founding member, is leaving this position. One of Heman Chase's two daughters who grew up with the Mill being an important part of their lives, Margaret has brought to life its rich history and our vision for its resurrection. Her knowledge and skill as an historian and an archivist and librarian, have been invaluable. We are indebted to her for the difference she has made in shaping our work. Fortunately, she will continue cataloging items, giving tours, and generally serving as a goodwill ambassador.

New to the board is **Jim Howard** who became a year-round resident of Alstead in 2017. For the past 28 years he lived in Wenham, MA, where he served 12 of those years as chair of the Wenham Historical Commission and the Wenham Historic District. His professional experience includes developing large scale computer systems and networks. Jim's grandparents acquired a house on Homestead Road in 1920 where Jim built his current home in the 1980s.



Jim Howard has joined the MHHA Board

Events / Tours

In May, we participated in [Orchard Hill Breadworks!](#) Mother's Day brunch at the invitation of Noah Elbers. It was a great way to connect with our generous community and we also raised \$800 in donations. Thank you, Noah, and all who helped to make this event a lovely day.

Small group and individual **Tours of the Mill** are available most Saturday mornings from 10 - 12 noon, beginning July 7. If we have to cancel because of construction, we will post it on Facebook and also on the website.

Thank You

Local artist and IT professional [Stephanie Tickner](#) is now redesigning and updating our website - check out changes (and look for more to come) at www.millhollowheritageassociation.org.

A big Thank You to [Cold River Materials](#) and **Gary Patch** for donating Riprap to stabilize the bank behind the Mill.

Check out our New Video

We recently updated our [short video](#) about the Mill. Thank you to Randy Miller for letting us use his beautiful compositions for the music.

Did you ever take a class at the Mill? We are looking to create an alumni association of sorts and would like to hear your stories. If you took a class, please follow the link to [this form](#). It is very brief.

We deeply appreciate your on-going partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Sharon Spaulding, President
Michael Chaladoff, Vice President & Treasurer
Betsy Anderson, Secretary
Bob Brown, Construction / Rehabilitation
Helen Frink, Grants
Jim Howard, Curator
Cathy Jahos, Communications
Bruce Montgomery, Attorney
Bryony Romer, Fundraising
Wade Smith, Tools & Artifacts

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With foundation stones dating to 1767, Chase's Mill has an important story to tell about the history of community and manufacturing in NewEngland. MHHA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working to rehabilitate the structure and open as a living museum and center for experiential learning in 2020. Donations are tax deductible.

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