Weare Heritage Commission

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Please join us . . .

The Weare Heritage Commission
meets on the fourth Wednesday
at 4:30 P.M. at the Town Office Building

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What Is a Heritage Commission?
A Heritage Commission, in accordance with RSA Chapter 674:44-a, shall properly inventory, preserve, protect and promote all resources within the community that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic or community significance.

New Hampshire state law recognizes that its towns and cities are filled with a rich blend of natural and cultural resources which define their special character. There is a necessity for identifying and protecting the cultural “cornerstones” of our town. Weare’s Heritage Commission was ratified by our townspeople in 2006. We strive to act as a nurturing influence for our historical resources through education and outreach.

Why Do We Need a Heritage Commission?
Weare’s historical buildings, cellar holes, stonewalls and viewscapes are tangible evidence of our town’s history and evolution. Wedded with Weare’s natural beauty and its engaged citizens, these components converge to reflect a town with a vibrant past and present; an entity deserving of respect and disinterested support.

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What Can We Do?
• Raise funds to hire a preservation consultant to inventory Weare’s historical resources. This inventory will help us pinpoint preservation priorities (threatened structures or areas).
• Apply for grants and other funding to refurbish, save and maintain these structures and areas.
• Act as a resource for townspeople who may be interested in learning more about tax credits, methods and other support available for owners of historical properties.
• Potentially increase tourism by cultivating and maintaining our history and natural beauty.

Our Immediate Goals
• Procure funding for a survey designed to inventory our historical sites.
• Procure funding to begin restoration on the most threatened site.
• Redefine the use of this site so that it might serve and be enjoyed by the townspeople.
• Become a clearinghouse of information for interested citizens.
• Encourage and inspire enthusiasm, pride and respect for this town, our home.