Weare Heritage Commission

Welcome to Old Home Day!
“Our Past and present coming together in celebration of our town’s people, places, history and future.”

Weare Heritage Commission
Weare Town Center

Rendition Painted by Oscar Straw
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.
In 2005 the Weare Heritage Commission was placed on the ballot and approved by the voters.
What Is a Heritage Commission?

A Heritage Commission shall properly inventory, preserve, protect and promote all resources . . .
within the community that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance.
The Weare Heritage Commission strives to act as a nurturing influence for Weare’s historical resources through education and outreach.
It works also with other town committees, boards, commissions and non-profit groups in an advisory capacity.
Why Do We Need a Heritage Commission?

Weare’s historical buildings . . .
... stonewalls, cellar holes ...
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 support.
What can The Weare Heritage Commission 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
... or 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.
What Are Our Immediate Goals?

Procure funding for a survey designed to inventory our historical sites.
Immediate Goals

Procure funding to begin restoration on the most threatened sites.
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Redefine the use of sites so that they might serve and be enjoyed by the townspeople.
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Become a clearinghouse of information for interested citizens.
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Encourage and inspire enthusiasm, pride and respect for this town, our home . . .
Weare
New Hampshire
Get Involved!

Celebrate Weare’s History.

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