



## September 2016

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LCHIP Land & Community Heritage Investment Program



### Welcome!

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer, LCHIP Review Panel members and staff are busy visiting applicant sites. We have 31 visits scheduled in August and September. It's an interesting and enjoyable way to better understand whatever was described in the application. We try to visit almost every new site.

VOTE! September 13 is the date of the primary for state and local offices. Be sure you know your candidates and make your vote count for the issues that are important to you.



Site visit at Kelley Corner Schoolhouse, Gilmanton

Dijit Taylor  
LCHIP Executive Director

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## LCHIP Spotlights

**Beehive, Franconstown**

The Beehive, constructed in 1846, is a former dormitory of the Francestown Academy. Dating to the era when many towns and villages had academies, the Beehive is a rare surviving example of a mid-19th-century dormitory that retains a remarkable degree of integrity despite decades of neglect. It is also notable for its unusual timber frame and sophisticated foundation. In 2015, LCHIP awarded a \$90,000 grant to the Francestown Improvement & Historical Society to support the rehabilitation of the building. Work includes structural repairs, window restoration, roof replacement, and updates to the building's HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems. To learn more about the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society, visit their [website](#).



The Beehive - former dormitory of Francestown Academy.

### **Richard Jackson House, Portsmouth**

The Richard Jackson House in Portsmouth is the oldest timber-frame building in New Hampshire. Owned by the same family from 1664 until its acquisition by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in 1924, the Jackson House retains its historic integrity thanks to a sensitive restoration in the early 1930s. Unlike the restorations of many First Period structures undertaken in the early 20th century, this project did not strip away all later alterations and additions, allowing the visitor to understand the evolution of the building through the early 19th century. In 2015, LCHIP awarded a \$90,000 grant to Historic New England to support much-needed structural repairs, an archaeological survey, the installation of new drainage and a new wood-shingle roof. To learn more about the Jackson House, visit Historic New England's [website](#) or check out this month's LCHIP Road Trip!



Richard Jackson House

### **Town of Milan Heads Back to School**

Think about New Hampshire's North Country and you probably think of working forests. But in 2012, concerns over faltering paper mills and forestland conversion had volunteers from Milan heading "back-to-school" to learn new ways to secure the Town's economic

future and way of life. With The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the Northern Forest Center, volunteers developed plans to create a 1,300-acre Community Forest which received a \$190,000 LCHIP award in 2015. The Forest will be open for recreation including hunting and fishing and will provide an outdoor classroom for local students, timber revenue for the Town and forestry jobs for residents. Additionally, it will help ensure that working forests remain part of the way of life in this small North Country community. [More here.](#)



LCHIP staff on a site visit of the proposed Community Forest.

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## ■ LCHIP Road Trip

Jackson Hill Cider Day  
Saturday, September 10, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Jackson House, 76 Northwest Street, Portsmouth, NH

Historic New England will host its annual Cider Day celebration at the Jackson House on Saturday, September 10th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Help grind apples and press cider, watch artisans demonstrate their crafts, visit the animals from the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm and tour the oldest timber-frame building in New Hampshire. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit [Historic New England's website.](#)





## 2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Acworth Horse Sheds	Lancaster - <a href="#">Main Street Stewardship Project</a>
Ashland - <a href="#">Whitten Woods</a>	Lempster - <a href="#">Miner Memorial Library</a>
Barrington - <a href="#">Stonehouse Pond Forest</a>	Lyndeborough - <a href="#">Rose Mountain</a>
Berlin - <a href="#">St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts</a>	Madbury - <a href="#">Powder Major's Farm &amp; Forest</a>
Danbury - South Danbury Church	<a href="#">Milan Community Forest</a>
Derry - <a href="#">First Parish Church</a>	<a href="#">Milton Free Public Library</a>
Dunbarton - <a href="#">Stone Farm</a>	<a href="#">Milton - Plummer Homestead</a>
E. Kingston - <a href="#">Monahan Farm</a>	Moultonborough - <a href="#">Castle in the Clouds</a>
Enfield - <a href="#">Smith Pond &amp; Shaker Forest</a>	Orford - <a href="#">Mason Pond</a>
Francestown - <a href="#">The Beehive</a>	<a href="#">Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church</a>
Goffstown - <a href="#">Black Brook Preserve</a>	Portsmouth - <a href="#">Richard Jackson House</a>
Hampton - <a href="#">1723 James House</a>	Portsmouth - <a href="#">Wentworth-Gardner House</a>
Hooksett - <a href="#">Clay Pond</a>	Rye - <a href="#">Oceanic Hotel</a>
<a href="#">Hooksett Town Hall</a>	Stratham - <a href="#">Lane Homestead</a>
Keene - <a href="#">United Church of Christ</a>	Walpole - <a href="#">Vose Farm</a>
Kensington - <a href="#">Bodwell Farm</a>	<a href="#">Windham Presbyterian Church</a>




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Income from the Moose Plate program pays for much of LCHIP's administrative expenses. LCHIP thanks Moose Plate holders for their support!

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Headline Photo: Site visit for the Cape Horn Connectivity Project in Northumberland. The site provides expansive views across the Connecticut River Valley!

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