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Welcome!

Welcome to LCHIP's late winter e-newsletter. Although some of us might rather be hibernating after all this snow and cold, this is a busy time of year for our town and state governments.

Many towns are holding Town Meetings. Our "Spotlight" section highlights a few LCHIP projects that are seeking support at upcoming town meetings.

If you are lucky enough to live in a town that still holds traditional town meeting, get out and take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity for direct, participatory democracy that links you to all the earlier generations of voters in your town.

The New Hampshire legislature is currently working on a state budget for the next biennium. Take advantage of our state's accessible government to let your representatives and Senator know how you feel about issues that are important to you. We hope LCHIP is one of them!

Dijit Taylor
Executive Director

LCHIP Spotlight: Bradford Town Hall

Pillsbury Library, Warner
seeking funding at town meeting
March 11, 2015 to match LCHIP
grant.

LCHIP Road Trip

In addition to town meetings and the legislative session, March is also maple syrup season. Visit a sugar shack near you, or check out:

**New Hampshire Farm
Museum
Maple Day
Saturday, March 14th
11 am - 3 pm**

Learn all about maple and how to tap a tree and make maple syrup and enjoy johnny cakes, sugar on snow, donuts, hot cider and horse drawn rides. Admission: \$7 adult, \$4 child ages 4-17 yrs, museum members \$5/ \$3.

LCHIP has assisted the New Hampshire Farm Museum with grants in 2002, 2010 and 2013.

Bradford was recently awarded a \$105,000 LCHIP grant for the 1863 Town Hall. The project will completely rehabilitate the building, preserving the character-defining features while giving the town a code compliant, energy efficient space for town offices, meetings and voting. The town is seeking voter approval to pay for the project with an \$850,000 bond at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14. For more information:



<http://www.bradfordnh.org/town-warrant-2015/>

LCHIP Spotlight: Wendell Marsh

The town of Sunapee is partnering with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASPLT) to conserve 149 acres along Rte 11 this spring. A warrant article seeking support of the project, which was awarded a \$70,000 LCHIP grant in 2014, will be on the ballot as voters head to the polls on Tuesday, March 10th. Learn more by clicking [here](#).



LCHIP Spotlight: Langdon Meetinghouse, Town Meeting Record Holder

The Langdon Meetinghouse has benefitted from several LCHIP grants, including a new one for \$53,324 in 2014 which will help provide ADA access, address code compliance, and perform interior restoration work to the first floor. The Langdon Meetinghouse has hosted Town Meeting every year since its completion in 1803, a record unmatched in New Hampshire and perhaps the country. The Meetinghouse will once again



LCHIP Links 35 projects in 2015

Acworth -
 Methodist Church/Grange Hall
 Berlin - [Brown Company House](#)
 Bradford Town Hall
 Bristol Town Hall
 Canterbury - [Spender Hill Farm-Spender Meadow](#)
 Concord - [Chamberlin House](#)
 Conway - [Lucy Conservation Project](#)
 Cornish Meetinghouse
 Cornish - [King's Grant Farm](#)
 Dover - [William Hale House](#)
 Durham - [Emery Farm](#)
 Epping - [Watson Academy](#)
 Epping - [Growing Pawtuckaway to Great Bay II](#)
 Francestown Town Hall
 Gilford - [Rowe House](#)
 Hancock Historical Society Building
 Hancock Meetinghouse
 Haverhill - [Pearson Hall](#)
 Hooksett - [Hinman Pond II](#)
 Keene - [Cheshire County Courthouse](#)
 Kingston - [Josiah Bartlett House](#)
 Langdon Meetinghouse
 Marlow - [Historic Preservation Study, Jones Hall](#)
 Middleton - [Moose Mountain Reserve Expansion](#)
 Milton Free Public Library
 Northwood Congregational Church
 Peterborough Town House
 Portsmouth -
 Governor John Langdon House
 Portsmouth -
 Player's Ring Theatre
 Sanbornton -
 Congregational Church
 Statewide - [Historic Preservation Assessment Program](#)
 Sunapee - [Wendell Marsh South](#)
 Tamworth - [Chocorua Basin Viewshed](#)

host Town Meeting on March 10, 2015. A warrant article for \$16,580 is proposed to help match the awarded LCHIP funds.

Governor Hassan, House and Senate Leaders Stand Up for LCHIP

Standing up for the importance of New Hampshire's natural, historic and cultural resources, Governor Hassan specifically mentioned her commitment to LCHIP in her budget address on February 11th.

Senate President Chuck Morse, in an appearance on WMUR, echoed the Governor's support of full funding of LCHIP. He, as well as Senate Minority Leader Jeff Woodburn and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, made similar commitments to allocating dedicated funds to their dedicated purpose at the LCHIP Grant Awards Announcement in December.

Representative Neal Kurk, Chair of the House Finance Committee, spoke in support of LCHIP's dedicated fund in an interview with NHPR, moments after the Governor's budget address.

Even with this unprecedented bi-partisan support, it is still very important for YOU to let your elected officials know how you feel about funding for LCHIP and how LCHIP has impacted your community.

Email LCHIP the name of your town and we will send you contact information for your elected officials. Thank you!

Application Review Meetings

Each year, some grant proposals don't receive funding. To assist the dedicated proponents of these projects, LCHIP invites them to discuss their applications and projects. This year, representatives of nine projects accepted the offer to meet with LCHIP for this assistance.

The focus of each meeting is the analysis of the specific project and application. Project proponents are shown places where the application could be strengthened, perhaps by a more effective description of the resource or the project partners, by rethinking some element of the project or its the budget or by seeking more appropriate contractors.

Applicants who participate in these meetings can often write a more successful next application to LCHIP or other funding

[Warner - Pillsbury Library](#)
[Westmoreland - Park Hill Meeting House Steeple](#)



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Visit www.mooseplate.org to find out how to purchase your plate.

Income from the Moose Plate program pays for much of LCHIP's administrative expense. We thank Moose

sources. Eight of the projects that were recently awarded grants had applied in an earlier grant round, attended a Review Meeting and subsequently submitted a successful application.

Special thanks to Ben Wilson who assisted with the historic review meetings this year. His experience with the historic resources review panel and enthusiasm for historic buildings were both useful and heartening to the applicants. Ben works for State Historic Sites that are part of the New Hampshire State Parks system.

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