



# January 2020

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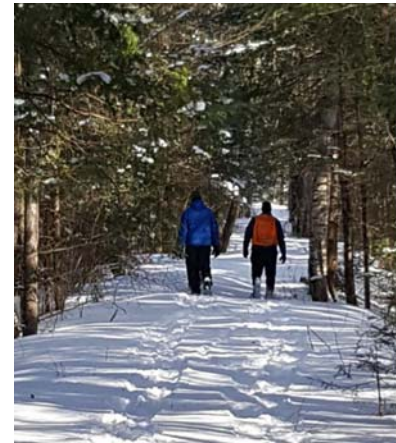


## Welcome!

Ah, the start of a whole new year, and this one, 2020, with a special connection to clear vision. May we all see what needs to be done and make positive contributions where our talent and time allow.

Here at LCHIP, we are wrapping up our review of the incoming monitoring reports and preparing to make incentive payments to recipients who have reported their good work caring for properties assisted with LCHIP funds. We are also preparing the calendar for Grant Round 19, with an anticipated \$3.5 million to distribute in matching funds later this year.

The state legislative session is underway as well. Two different bills in the state senate seek to increase the funding available for LCHIP, one through required ([SB 493-FN-A](#)) and one through voluntary ([SB 617-FN](#)) \$10 increases.



*Snowshoeing near the Ammonoosuc River on land the Forest Society will protect with help from a recent LCHIP grant. Photo: T. Howe, Forest Society*

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## LCHIP Natural Resource Project News

### Three exciting land conservation projects wrapped up a very busy 2019

On December 30, Brookfield's Stephen Snow conveyed an easement on his 325-acre tree farm to [Moose Mountains Regional Greenways](#), fulfilling a long-held dream. At age 13 Stephen acquired his first chain saw. He later used it to pay his way through college with side jobs as a logger and arborist. Eventually Stephen purchased the Brookfield land,

intending to cultivate a tree farm there before conserving it as his forever legacy. Congratulations to Stephen!

Just a week earlier, the [Fracestown Land Trust](#) accepted an easement on 40 acres of open, agricultural land along the Fracestown Turnpike, protecting important farm soils and preserving the scenic view that has welcomed travelers to this historic town center for well over 100 years.

And in late November the City of Nashua partnered with the Forest Society to place an easement on Nashua's last remaining working farm. [Sullivan Farm](#), with its familiar red barn, offers a farmstand, pick-your-own orchards, annual agricultural events and walking trails.

Congratulations to all of our conservation projects on a very successful and productive 2019!



*Landowner and tree farmer Stephen Snow. Photo: K. Gehl*



*Sullivan Farm, Nashua  
Photo: Ryan Young, Forest Society*



*Abbottville Farm, Fracestown*

## LCHIP Historic Resource Project News

### Successful projects brought to completion as 2019 comes to a close

The end of 2019 has seen completion of a number of historic resource projects, as project proponents pushed to finish work before the New Year.

The [Milton Free Public Library](#), which occupies a distinctive mansard-roofed building originally constructed in 1875 as a school, concluded work on its bell tower, including repairs to its wood clapboards, custom-cut shakes, and copper roofs. LCHIP had awarded the Town a grant of \$36,357 in 2018.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Town officials and volunteers finished their outstanding LCHIP-funded project on their [1787 meetinghouse](#), a project that involved rehabbing dozens of windows and some exterior doors. The LCHIP grant, awarded in 2017, was for \$75,240.



*Milton Free Public Library*

And the Portsmouth Historical Society finished work on their grant-funded work to repair the rubble stone foundation under the 1758 [John Paul Jones House](#) and the perimeter fence (1853), which includes some distinctive, large egg-shaped finials. LCHIP awarded the \$27,500 grant in 2016.

Congratulations to all these project managers for bringing their projects to successful conclusions!



Washington Meetinghouse



John Paul Jones House, Portsmouth

## 2019 LCHIP Grant Recipients

<a href="#"><u>Belmont - Belmont Library</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Newmarket - Clarke Farm</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Bethlehem - Ammonoosuc River Project</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Newmarket - Newmarket Community Church</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Boscawen - Morrill Dairy Farm</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Newport - Newport Opera House</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Bow - Crossroads Community Church</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Portsmouth - Moffatt-Ladd House</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Chesterfield - Stone House Tavern Museum</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Portsmouth - South Church</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Dunbarton - Koerber Family Forest</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rindge - Rindge Conservation Project</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Gilmanton - First Baptist Church</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Somersworth - Furber Memorial Chapel</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Gilsum - Surry Mountain Forest</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>South Hampton - South Hampton Baptist Church</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Gorham - Gorham Congregational Church</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Statewide - Preservation Planning Grants</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Grafton - Grafton Center Meetinghouse</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Stratford - Marion Blodgett Museum</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Grantham - Sawyer Brook Headwaters</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sutton - South Sutton Meetinghouse</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Hinsdale - Hinsdale House</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Tilton - Tilton Town Hall Planning Study</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lancaster - Parker J. Noyes Building</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Tuftonboro - Mt. Pleasant</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lee - Tuckaway Farm, Emerson Tract</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Wentworth - Wentworth Congregational Church</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Loudon - Pearl Farm</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Winchester - Center Church</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Mason - Nissitissit River Headwaters</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Winchester - Picadilly Farm</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Moultonborough - Castle North Tower</u></a>	



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

**Headline Photo:** Washington Meetinghouse has served as Town Hall for over 200 years and was awarded LCHIP grants in 2003, 2010, and 2017.



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