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## Welcome!

Here at the start of a new LCHIP year, we await the Board of Directors’ approval of a proposed grant round calendar for 2021 at their meeting later in January. We will publicize the new schedule on the LCHIP website and in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

LCHIP staff is wrapping up last year’s grant round with conversations with project proponents who were not awarded grants in 2020. For most, the problem was simply that the competition was intense, with proposals seeking almost \$8 million with \$4 million available for grants. For some, we are able to provide specific suggestions for ways to strengthen the project or its presentation for future funding requests to LCHIP or other funding sources.

With all good wishes for the new year,

**Dijit Taylor  
Executive Director**



*Protecting New Hampshire's Natural, Historic, and Cultural Resources*

### Newly Completed LCHIP Projects



**Plymouth’s Old Webster Courthouse**  
Small building - large history

It’s a small building - one story, one room - but don’t let its diminutive scale deceive you: It’s packed with history. Even its name has a story to tell: “Old” the oldest building in Plymouth,



**Year-round Recreation Opportunities**  
in Bethlehem

The Ammonoosuc (“small narrow fishing place” in Abenaki) originates on the side of Mt. Washington and flows west to meet the Connecticut River in Woodsville. With scenic vistas and key cold-water

built in 1774; “Webster” built adjacent to David Webster’s Inn plus Daniel Webster argued one of his first cases in it in 1806; “Courthouse” the oldest building in the state built specifically as a courthouse. It has also served as a wheelwright’s shop, a public library, and an historical museum, at four different locations in downtown Plymouth!

A 2016 LCHIP grant of \$64,931 and an equal amount of funding from the community have supported a comprehensive rehabilitation, repairing deteriorated historic materials, upgrading essential building systems, and improving drainage and access. Read more [here](#).

Photo: Courtesy of Katherine Hillier

fisheries - three kinds of trout! - in its upper reaches, the Ammonoosuc River is one of New Hampshire’s natural treasures.

A 2019 LCHIP grant has helped the Forest Society acquire 273 acres along both sides of the [Ammonoosuc in Bethlehem](#), securing public access to an area already well-known for its trout fishery, the “Twin Mountain Connector” snowmobile trail, a stretch of spring fast water popular with whitewater boaters, and to travelers for the stunning views of the Presidential and Franconia Ranges along more than a mile of US Route 302, a designated “New Hampshire Scenic Byway.”

The Forest Society plans new parking areas to provide additional access to both sides of the river for the enjoyment of hunters, anglers, snowmobile riders and hikers alike.

Photo: T. Howe, Forest Society

## Tips for Prospective Historic Resource Grant Applicants

Are you thinking of applying for an LCHIP historic resources grant? Plan time this winter to make sure you are ready in these three essential ways:

1. Is your resource eligible? It must be either listed, or determined eligible for listing, on either the National or the State Register of Historic Places. If you are unsure, contact the New Hampshire [Division of Historical Resources](#) to find out.
2. Is your scope of work eligible? All work done with LCHIP funds must comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Proposals for projects that will cost \$50,000 or more must include an Historic Structure Report or a similar preservation plan that describes the resource’s history and historic features, including identifying “character defining” features, analyzes current conditions, and makes appropriate recommendations for future work.
3. Is your organization eligible for LCHIP funding? Nonprofit organizations must have a letter of determination from the IRS, stating that they are exempt from federal income tax under section 501 c of the IRS Code.



*Kelly Corner School, Gilmanton received an LCHIP grant in 2016*

Learn more about these requirements, and others, on the [LCHIP website](#).

## Congratulations to all 2020 LCHIP Grant Recipients!

Barrington - [Leighton Family Forest](#)

Belmont - [Gale School Study](#)

Berlin - Maynesboro Barn

Brookfield - [Moose Mountains Reserve 3](#)

Canterbury - [Canterbury Shaker Village Study](#)

Effingham - [Library/Town Hall/Masonic Hall](#)

Epping - [John Prescott Chase Farmhouse](#)

Grafton - [Kimball House and Mill](#)

Northfield - [Stillhouse Forest 2](#)

Northumberland - St. Pierre 1- Gray Mist Farm

Pittsburg - Pittsburg Town Hall

Portsmouth - [North Church Study](#)

Portsmouth - [Strawbery Banke Museum's Penhallow House](#)

Portsmouth - [South Church](#)

Shelburne - [Shelburne Riverlands](#)

Hampton Falls - [Clay Brook Forest](#)

Hanover - [Mink Brook Community Forest](#)

Harrisville - [Community Church](#)

Haverhill - Haverhill Library

Jackson - [Dundee Community Forest](#)

Jaffrey - [Jaffrey Meetinghouse](#)

Middleton - Moose Mountains Reserve 2

Nashua - [Sacred Heart School](#)

New Durham - [Birch Ridge Community Forest 2](#)

Statewide - [Preservation Planning Grants](#)

Stratford - [Stratford Grange](#)

Tilton - [Island Park Bridge Study](#)

Tilton - [Tilton Mansion](#)

Warner - [Pletcher Farm](#)

Warren - [Willing Workers Hall](#)

Webster - [Webster Meetinghouse](#)

Wentworth - [Congregational Church](#)



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**Header photo:** The [Governor John Langdon House](#) in Portsmouth received an LCHIP grant in 2014. Photo Credit: Historic New England.

