

## **2016 Annual Report – Heritage Commission**

The Candia Heritage Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provides for the proper recognition, use and protection of Candia's historic and cultural resources.

During 2016, the Commission undertook the following:

- Continued documenting and mapping the town's historically unique settlement areas, completing the Candia Village project with a printed walking tour. A sign designating the area also was erected. The next area to be mapped: the Main Street railroad depot.
- Participated in "Envision Candia," with the goal of creating a town profile in support of a new master plan.
- Completed required maintenance of the Soldiers' Monument, coordinating the donation of staging by ATS Equipment, and the washing and waxing by Jesse Remington High School student volunteers.
- Recognized and supported the restoration and reinstallation of the Moore School weathervane by local volunteers.
- Monitored annual historic barn easements and organized the annual town-wide roadside cleanup.
- Initiated and publicized an informative workshop, "Preserving Heritage Photographs," at the Smyth Public Library.
- Coordinated the reprinting of "Water Powered Mill Sites of Candia, NH". This and "A Sense of Place," which are available at the town office and the Smyth Public Library, along with Heritage Commission walking tours of The Hill, East Candia and Candia Village.
- Updated its web page(s) on the Town of Candia website, adding downloadable walking tours, historic information and vintage photographs.
- Hosted an open house at the Smyth Memorial Building at the annual Lights on the Hill event.
- Continues to work in conjunction with the Candia Conservation Commission and Envision Candia subcommittee on the creation of a guide of Candia's walking trails and recreation areas.

The Commission meets at 7PM the second Tuesday of the month at the Smyth Memorial Building. Anyone interested in the history and heritage of Candia is encouraged to attend meetings.

Members: Diane Philbrick, chair; Betty Sabeau, vice-chair; Carmelle Druchniak, secretary; Lorraine Briand, Ray Cresswell, Dave Desilets, Holly Haas, Carol Howe, Sandra Whitcomb, and Selectmen's Representative Russ Dann.