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## **Agreement Reached to Purchase the Mill**

*A message from our President, Dan Curll*

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to let you know that MHHA has reached an agreement with the Mill owners to purchase the property and that we are already hard at work to secure funding through a multi-phase plan. Over the next few months, we will continue gathering community input, and will finalize plans to secure this treasure for future generations. Stay tuned for more details.

As you may know, our vision is to create a working museum on waterpower and sustainable energy that both preserves our heritage and serves as a place to spark inspiration and imagination through enrichment and education. The possibilities include hosting exhibits related to the history of Mill Hollow; offering tours of the waterpower works with the turbine wheel, the belts and shafts operational; offering classes and workshops; and providing meeting space for discussion groups, book clubs, and community organizations. The Mill will complement neighboring cultural and educational institutions such as the Orchard School, Kroka Expeditions, Mole Hill Theatre, and the Alstead Historical Society.

We are excited to be entering this next phase and will continue to seek your partnership as we move forward.

### **Here's How to Get Involved:**

**Come visit the Mill Sat., Sept. 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and bring friends!**

Tours will be offered and there will be displays and historical information. Please plan to stop by.

### **Support the Mill**

Stay up-to-date on Mill activities and the planning process while showing your support. MHHA is now a nonprofit registered as a 501(c)3. The size of our membership demonstrates to grant-making foundations and other major funders that the Mill has community support. Your contributions help to offset operating expenses such as printing, postage, materials and other basic costs. Send your contribution to **Mill Hollow Heritage Association, 801 Forest Road, Alstead, NH 03602.**

### **Volunteer**

We can use help with basic Mill maintenance, giving tours, hosting events, communications, office administration and more. Please contact a board member from the list below.

## Put Your Amazon Shopping Dollars to Work

Here's how:

- Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) . Log into your existing Amazon account or create one.
- Search "Mill Hollow Heritage Association" and select it as your charity.
- Amazon will then donate to MHHA 0.5% of your purchase prices. It adds up over time!

## In Other News...

### MHHA leadership has expanded and changed

Our Board has expanded. Please welcome new Board members: Cathy Jahos, Helen Frink, Sharon Spaulding, Bob Brown, Nathan Lyczak, Anton Elbers, and Donna Sabin. Each brings enthusiasm and much needed skill sets to help guide us during this next phase.

After years of invaluable service, Deborah Dunnell has stepped down from the Board, and Kate Tarlow Morgan has stepped aside as Secretary. Both remain active and invaluable supporters and Kate will be utilizing her talents to help secure grants in the coming year. Thank you Deborah and Kate!

The Board now includes:

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### Volunteer Associates Include:

Kate Tarlow Morgan, Grants

Joanne Wildes, Membership Secretary

Bryony Romer, Capital Campaign

### Current work on the Mill

We are presently working to repair, reglaze and paint the windows. Bob Brown is working on this beginning with identifying the best way to restore these old

windows. Many thanks to Raven Mueller for her expert advice on window glazing and for connecting us with Ed Fitzgerald at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training who has been most helpful. Bob is at the Mill most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m and visitors are welcome and encouraged to stop by during that time.

We are trying to locate former woodworking class students and identify those in old photos of woodworking at the Mill. If you are a former student and would like to add your name to the list, email us your contact information, and stop by the Mill on September 6<sup>th</sup> to look at old photos of students working.

### **Related Items of Interest**

***The American Precision Museum*** in Windsor, VT, has an exhibit this summer called *The Tool Revolution*, telling the story of how three young men in the 1840s, having won a contract to make 10,000 rifles for the U.S. Army, collaborated in a system that came to change the manufacturing of goods from a hand craft into an industrial process. The underlying principle was the idea of interchangeable parts. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM, through October 31. Learn more at [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org).

***Board Member and author, Helen Frink*** will present her book, *Oil, Ice, and Bone; Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom*, on September 3, at 7 PM at the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library in Alstead. Ransom went whaling at 14 and was trapped in ice along the northern Alaskan coast in 1871, the greatest loss of ships in American whaling history.

### ***Water Power: Past, Present and Future***

The Faulkner & Colony Woolen Mill was originally powered by water from the Ashuelot River, first with a water wheel and then with a turbine. Alan Rumrill, Director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, will tell the history of the water power at the mill; John (Chick) Colony III will present the current water power project in Harrisville; and hydro power specialist, Bob King, will speak about the future of water power on the Ashuelot. The Horatio Colony House Museum is at 199 Main Street, Keene. Tel 352-0460. Web: [www.horatiocolonymuseum.org](http://www.horatiocolonymuseum.org). The program is Thurs, Oct. 15, at 7 PM. It is free, but reservations are required.

**Note:** The program will be presented on the second floor at the Colony Mill Marketplace.

**Help us!** - If you know anyone who would like to receive this Newsletter, please send the appropriate address directly to Membership Secretary at MHHA, 801 Forest Road Alstead, NH 03602; or email: [millhollowheritageassoc@gmail.com](mailto:millhollowheritageassoc@gmail.com)

**Thank You for Your Support!**