



## MILFORD HERITAGE COMMISSION

### **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 PM Wadleigh Memorial Library ~ 2011 REPORT ~**

This year has been fairly quiet from a new development standpoint with much of our discussions centering on lot line changes and minor building issues. Our suggested changes to a Historic Building addition were acted upon by the owners with positive results.

The old “Dyer Block” is undergoing a renovation and update which should yield a positive impact to Union Square. Unfortunately two or three 19th Century residential buildings were demolished this year. Alternative uses were not a viable option for the property owners.

We commend the owners of the “French House” on South Street who have successfully converted this private home to a viable commercial office building.

The Heritage Commission continues to provide Historical Sketches of Milford’s Past to the Milford Quarterly Town newsletter. We hope you enjoy them as they are a labor of love from their author.

We took part in a Freedoms Way National Heritage Area program (Milford is part of this Federally Designated Area). Hollis was conducting a Stroll and Roll of their Historic Homes, Buildings, Sites and By-Ways. Freedoms Way has started to conduct these tours in partnership with the local Historic Societies and Heritage Commissions located in the area. This self-guided tour included a visit and tour at the Historic Monson Site which we jointly share with Hollis. We were invited by Hollis to take charge of the Monson Site portion of the tour (Auto and Walking) and with the expert knowledge and cooperation of Russ Dickerman we were able to tell and show over a hundred visitors the Monson Story.

During the spring of 2012 we hope to host several school groups for a visit and guided exploration of this frontier site. If you or your family and friends haven’t visited this important historical site we urge you to do so. It is accessible during daylight hours seven days a week. You will be delighted and amazed.

The Milford Heritage Commission continues to need volunteers willing to serve to preserve and protect the rich heritage of this community.

Respectfully Submitted, Charles F. Worcester, Chairperson