



NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

State of New Hampshire, Department of Cultural Resources
19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301-3570
TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964
www.nh.gov/nhdhr

603-271-3483
603-271-3558
FAX 603-271-3433
preservation@dcr.nh.gov

July 1, 2011

✓ Kristen Heitert
Public Archaeology Lab
210 Lonsdale Avenue
Providence RI 02860

Re: RPR #2245

Dear Ms. Heitert;

Thank you for requesting determinations of National Register eligibility for the properties listed below. As requested, the Division of Historical Resources' Determination of Eligibility Committee has reviewed the *DHR Inventory Forms* prepared by John J. Daly; based on the information available, the DOE Committee's evaluations of National Register eligibility are:

TOWN/CITY	PROPERTY	DETERMINATION
Milford	Goldman Dam/Morse & Kaley Dam, Souhegan River, MIL0063	Eligible in District
Milford	McLane Dam, Souhegan River, MIL0064	Eligible in District

Copies of the DHR evaluation forms are attached for your use. Please refer to the "Follow-up" sections for explanations of the additional data needed for the "more information" requests. The inventory data and the evaluations will also be added to the statewide survey database for historic properties in New Hampshire.

Please contact Mary Kate Ryan at 271-6435 or MaryKate.Ryan@dcr.nh.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Christina St. Louis
Program Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Elizabeth Muzzey, Director / State Historic Preservation Officer
Eric Hutchins, NOAA
Deb Loiselle, NH DES.



NH Division of Historical Resources
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: June 14, 2011 Inventory #: MIL0064

Date of group review: June 22, 2011 Area: MIL-DTW

DHR staff: Laura Black

Property Name: McLane Dam Town/City: Milford

Address: Between Bridge and Souhegan Sts. County: Hillsborough

Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other

Agency, if appropriate: NOAA

Individual Properties

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated for individual eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, also in district
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible, in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete information or evaluation

Districts

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated @ district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete information or evaluation

Integrity: ALL ASPECTS Location Design Setting Materials
 Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture/Engineering
 D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level: Local State National

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The stone core of the extant McLane Dam appears to have been constructed in the 1840s to power industrial enterprises along the Souhegan River. The dam contained a single straight spillway until the late nineteenth century. Ca. 1890 the dam's configuration was altered to include bend with an east and west spillway. Through the turn of the twentieth century, the dam supported both industrial use (including that of John McLane) and a small hydroelectric generation facility. In 1909 a new utility company reconstructed the dam, casting concrete around the earlier stone structure and adding a concrete apron to the east spillway. This company's hydroelectric facility operated through the 1940s. Industrial use of the dam ended in the 1930s. In the 1990s the dam was reconstructed again for potential use for hydroelectric power, though this wasn't completed. The work included additional concrete casing and removal of some elements of the earlier two dam incarnations and associated structures.

Note that the dam structure is older than 50 years with modern alterations, not a modern structure as the form states. Due to modern alterations, the integrity of the McLane Dam does not meet a level necessary to be individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or C.

The McLane Dam is located within the National Register-eligible Downtown Milford Commercial, Civic, and Residential Historic District (MIL-DTW; 2010). It was determined in 2010 to be a contributing element of the historic district. Though altered, elements of the nineteenth and early twentieth-century dam incarnations and use are visible on the landscape demonstrating it as part of a larger engineering system along the Souhegan River and contributing to the district's ability to convey its history. A valid argument has not been made to change the current contributing status of the structure.

NH Division of Historical Resources
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: June 14, 2011 Inventory #: MIL0063

Date of group review: June 22, 2011 Area: MIL-DTW

DHR staff: Laura Black

Property Name: Goldman Dam/ Morse & Kaley Dam Town/City: Milford

Address: Souhegan River at Mt. Vernon Rd. County: Hillsborough

Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other
Agency, if appropriate: NOAA

Individual Properties

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated for individual eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, also in district
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible, in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete information or evaluation

Districts

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated @ district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete information or evaluation

Integrity: ALL ASPECTS Location Design Setting Materials
Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture/Engineering
D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level: Local State National

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Through the mid-twentieth century a nineteenth-century timber and stone dam at this site was associated with industrial enterprises along the Souhegan River, including an adjacent extant textile mill. Minor repairs and alterations occurred to the timber and stone dam ca. 1926. In 1966-67, the Town of Milford replaced the dam's timber gravity spillway with a concrete gravity spillway, though various stone and mechanical elements of the earlier dam structure and associations with adjacent mill operations were retained and are extant.

Note that the dam structure contains sections that are older than 50 years with modern alterations, not a completely modern structure as the form indicates. Due to modern alterations, the integrity of the Goldman Dam/Morse & Kaley Dam does not meet a level necessary to be individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or C.

The Goldman Dam/Morse & Kaley Dam is located within the National Register-eligible Downtown Milford Commercial, Civic, and Residential Historic District (MIL-DTW; 2010). It was determined in 2010 to be a contributing element of the historic district. Though altered, elements of the nineteenth and early twentieth-century dam incarnations and use are visible on the landscape demonstrating it as part of a larger engineering system along the Souhegan River and contributing to the district's ability to convey its history. A valid argument has not been made to change the current contributing status of the structure.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: TBD

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: within the historic district's established period of significance of 1783-1959

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: community development, engineering