



Preserving the Past—Building the Future

## Windham Historical Society

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April 8, 2014

Mr. Tony Plante, Town Mgr.  
Town of Windham  
8 Schoolhouse Road  
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Dear Mr. Plante:

Over the years, the Town of Windham has graciously included the Windham Historical Society in its budget. Continuance of this funding helps the Society to meet their commitments to the town, schools, and visitors.

Since 1967 the society has provided museums, displays, history classes and tours for the schools and served as a resource for anyone seeking information about the history of the town and its people. We maintain a large research library and have cataloged hundreds of historical items, from the horse-drawn hearse to old logging tools.

Through our website and by phone, historical requests and inquiries are made to us from all over the country. We maintain vital statistics, conduct ongoing inventory of old houses and keep records on cemeteries, bridges, town businesses, and provide monthly cultural programs on Windham's history which there is no charge to the public.

We continue to collect Windham's historically related artifacts with storage and display space at our headquarters at a premium. The plans for a "Village Green Heritage Park" are in process providing us the much needed space with appropriate display areas.

This past year, the Society hosted their first 'Artisans on the Green' event, showcasing mid 1800's crafters, attended by many Windham and local area residents. The Society was able to dismantle a 'Windham' barn, eventually to be reassembled to display numerous local artifacts. And finally, we obtained land use approval from the RSU 14, providing access onto the 'Village Green' site.

In 2014 our plans include:

- Obtain Planning Board approval for the Village Green project
- Host to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Regiment, with an encampment and participating in the Windham Memorial Day parade.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Artisans on the Green'
- Historical programs held monthly – open to the public
- Renovation of a one-room school house
- Foundations laid for the two libraries currently on site

We ask you, on behalf of the town, to consider a payment of \$10,000 to the Windham Historical Society, along with our fundraising projects, to help us reach our goals for the community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda Griffin, President  
Windham Historical Society

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