



Bedford, New Hampshire

2010 Master Plan



HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES

Thursday, December 17, 2009

AGENDA

- **Approval of November 19, 2009 meeting minutes**
- **Presentation of the draft Historic and Cultural Resources and Municipal Services and Facilities elements of the plan**
- **Discussion of the recently completed Open Space Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan and their relationship with the Master Plan**
- **Revised schedule**
- **Next meeting and adjourn**

HISTORIC/CULTURAL GOALS

- **Integrate historic and archaeological resource identification, documentation, and evaluation into local planning.**
- **Develop and strengthen local planning and protection measures for historic resources.**
- **Incorporate specific historic preservation objectives in community revitalization and economic development efforts.**
- **Heighten awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Bedford's historic and archaeological resources and their preservation.**
- **Create and enhance cultural opportunities in Bedford.**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- **Bedford Historic District Commission**
 - Reviews exterior changes to properties in locally designated Bedford Historic District
 - Issues approvals pursuant to its regulations
- **Bedford Historical Society**
 - Owns and maintains Schoolhouse 7 and the Kendall Museum and Carriage House
 - Comments on impacts to historic resources
 - Wants to preserve Stevens-Buswell School (Marconi Museum)

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC/ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- **National Register**
 - **Bedford Town Hall**
 - **Bedford Presbyterian Church**
- **Heritage Landscapes**
 - **Pulpit Rock**
 - **Joppa Hill Farm**
 - **Benedictine Park**
 - **Bedford Center Park**

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC/ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- **Archeological Resources**
 - 35 reported sites
 - Details available at NHDHR
- **Bedford Cemeteries**
 - Trustees of the Cemeteries of Bedford maintains 4 cemeteries
 - 3 from colonial period

PRESERVATION TOOLS & PROGRAMS

- **Local Planning/Protection**
 - **National Register**
 - **Demolition Delay**
 - **Local Historic District**
 - **Preservation Easements**
 - **NH Historical Markers Program**
 - **NH State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program**
 - **Survey and Inventory**

PRESERVATION TOOLS & PROGRAMS

- **Regulatory**
 - **Section 106 – National Historic Preservation Act**
- **Financial Programs**
 - **Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit**
 - **Historic Barn Tax Incentive**
 - **Land and Community Heritage Investment**
 - **Conservation License Plate Grants**

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- **Pulpit Rock Questers**
- **Southern NH Dance Theater**
- **Bedford Youth Performance Company**
- **Bedford School Department**
- **Bedford Recreation Department**
- **Bedford Public Library**
- **Bedford Community Television**
- **Heritage Trail**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Document and evaluate significant buildings through new historic survey**
- **Enact a demolition delay ordinance**
- **Establish local historic districts**
- **Utilize technical assistance programs to encourage use of financial tools described earlier**