



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The **Heritage Commission** is a group of community members appointed by the Board of Selectmen to preserve the history and heritage of Mont Vernon through tax deductible private funding and grants, and with as little impact on the taxpayer as possible.

The Mont Vernon Heritage Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Currently all meetings are held in the meeting room at Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend!

The next meeting is Thursday, May 9th.



From the Chair...

Welcome to the first edition of the Mont Vernon Heritage Commission newsletter and thank you for joining us. Through this newsletter, we hope to keep the public in the loop with the happenings and successes of the Heritage Commission. In the coming months you will learn of public meetings to share the studies and proposed plans for the rehabilitation of the Town Hall and learn how you can help. The main focus of the Heritage Commission at this time is rehabilitating the Town Hall, but we will eventually take over rehabilitation of the old library building, and other historic structures within the town.

We are always in need of active volunteers and donors, join us to save the Town Hall, one step at a time!

Rebecca Schwarz
Chair
Mont Vernon Heritage Commission



The six-bay timber framed c.1792 Mont Vernon Meetinghouse was renovated and relocated in 1837 from its original location across the street, four years after a fire damaged a portion of the building. The meetinghouse was renovated again in 1897 into the Mont Vernon Town Hall following the removal of the church to its own new building. **The building now needs serious attention, and the commission will be working through the steps toward the renovation and restoration of our beloved Town Hall!**

WHAT ' S BEEN HAPPENING?

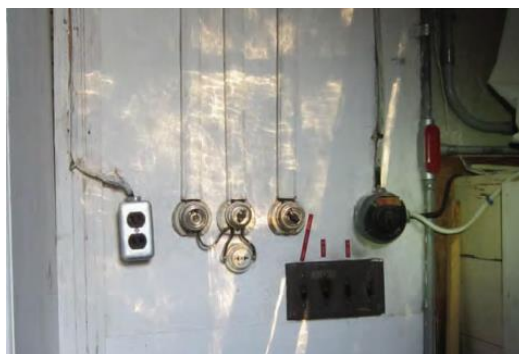
Condition Assessment ~ completed in 2022. The purpose and intent of this report was to assess the current existing conditions and provide recommendations to ensure the character defining historic fabric of the building endures for future generations. These findings focus solely on the means needed to stabilize the structure, protect the building from further deterioration, make it safe for occupants, and provide handicapped accessibility for its current use and configuration.

Feasibility Study ~ completed in 2023. The purpose and intent of this report was to investigate and recommend a viable path forward for using the building to serve the Town's future needs. This report provides design direction for capital improvements and building maintenance to address the town's anticipated future space needs, with budgetary cost and scheduling recommendations.

These reports are available to you on the Mont Vernon Town website, on the left side of the Heritage Commission page. **Take a look!** <https://www.montvernonnh.us/heritage-commission>



Fire damage in 1834, in an area under the clock tower.



Unsafe electrical work should be removed and replaced.

WHAT ' S ON THE HORIZON?

SPRING GALA IS COMING ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH! Look for our 2nd annual **Tie-Dyed T-shirts** table! This is a popular fund-raising event by the Heritage commission.



SUMMER RAFFLE ~ The Commission will be raffling off a new **Paddleboard!** Tickets will be on sale at Spring Gala, on May 18th, and on weekends thru June 8th. Find commission members and volunteers at the General Store or at the Transfer Station.

Proceeds from both events to benefit the restoration and renovation of Town Hall.

We appreciate your support!

Heritage Commission Members

NAME	TITLE	TERM EXPIRES
Rebecca Schwarz	Chair/Historic District Commission Rep	2027
Brian Billow	Vice-Chair	2026
Linda Harrop	Secretary	2027
Mike Fimbel	Selectmen's Rep, Voting Member	2025
Jay Goodell	Planning Board Rep, Voting Member	2025
Zoe Fimbel	Alternate	
Anna Rorbacher-Szok	Alternate	
Sarah Beth Ross	Alternate	
Tim Berry	Alternate	

THE TOWN NEEDS YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

Take pride in your community! Let's all work together to accomplish the task of restoring our deteriorating Town Hall, and later, renovating to accommodate our town's future needs.

LEARN the history, UNDERSTAND the needs, and VOLUNTEER to work toward this goal.

Talk to commission members, come to the Heritage Commission meetings and events, volunteer to serve, share your ideas and expertise.

Follow us at <https://www.montvernonnh.us/heritage-commission>.

WE CAN'T DELAY!

LET'S TAKE THE FIRST STEP...

IT CAN BE DONE!

ONE STEP AT A TIME...

