

# *PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD HERITAGE AREA*

Park St, Cass St, Forest St, Oak St,  
and surrounding area



*Exeter Heritage Commission, October 28, 2020*

# Heritage Commission

- adopted by Town of Exeter in 2006
- valuable means to manage, recognize, and protect historical and cultural resources in a town wide scope

## Does for historical resources what a conservation commission does for natural resources -

- advises and assists (including proposed demolitions)
- conducts inventories of Exeter's history
- educates the public
- provides information
- serves as a resource for revitalization efforts



<https://www.exeternh.gov/bcc-hc>

# What is considered an Historic Resource?

Historic Resources are defined by the Secretary of the Interior as any building, park or landscape that has been in place for over 50 years.

Why?

These resources represent time periods, patterns of growth, and cultural value that have influenced the Town's, State's and Nation's development over time.

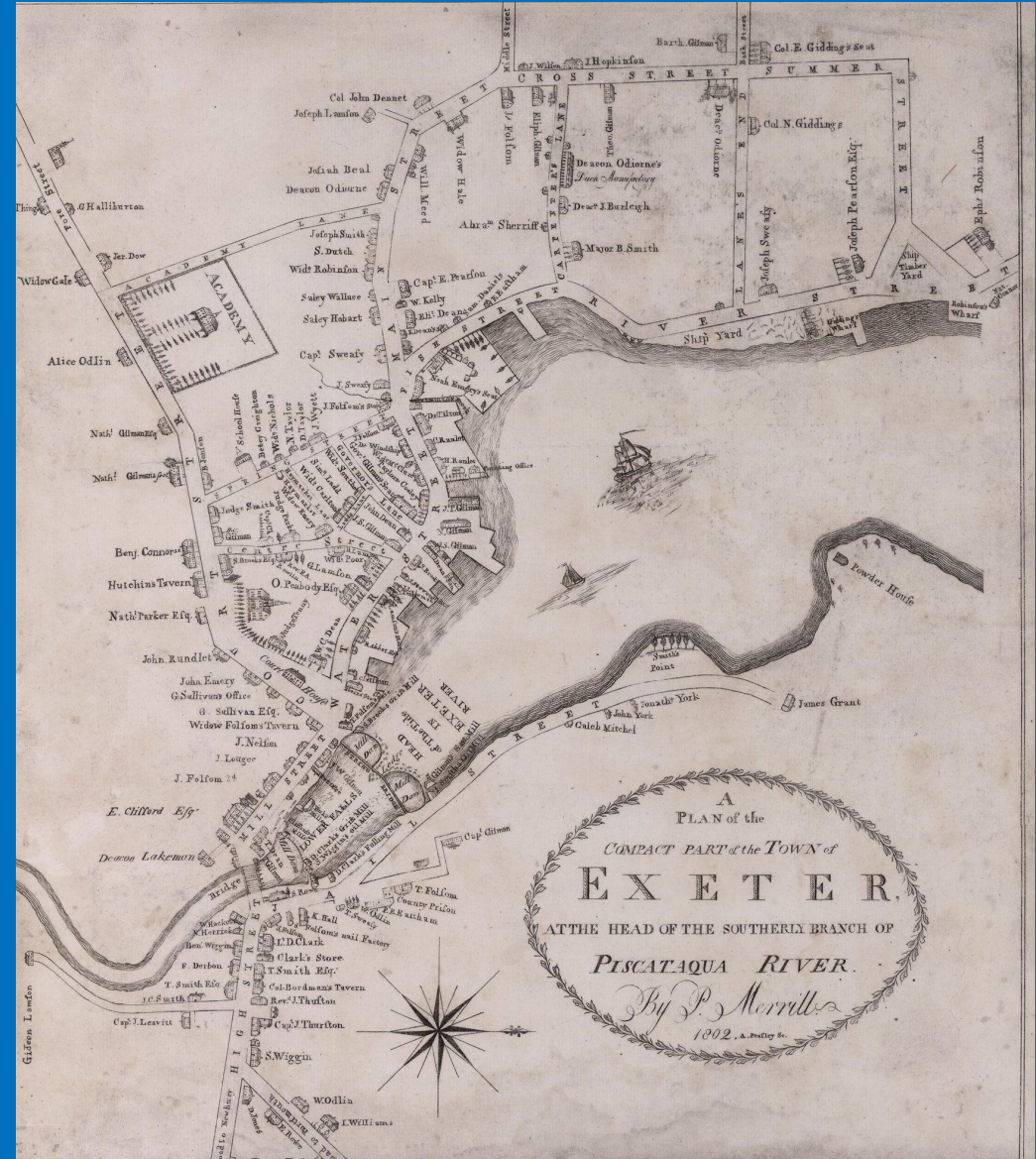
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1960's



1860's



# Recent Heritage Commission Projects

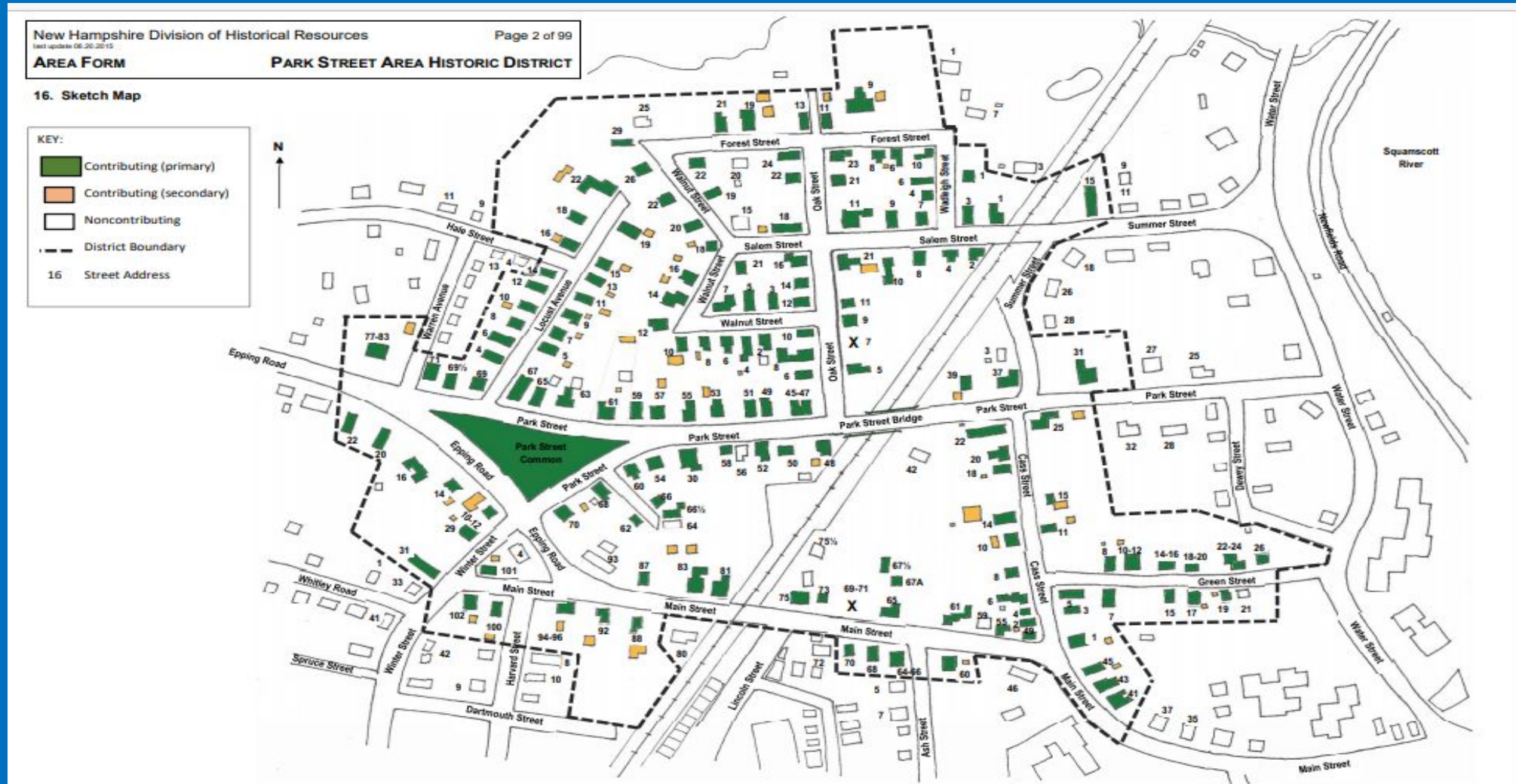


Winter St cemetery restoration

Great Dam marker and historic display in library

Franklin/Clifford St survey

# Park Street Area Survey



[https://www.exeternh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/heritage\\_commission/page/12801/final\\_park\\_street\\_area\\_hd\\_exeter\\_survey.pdf](https://www.exeternh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/heritage_commission/page/12801/final_park_street_area_hd_exeter_survey.pdf)

# What is a Neighborhood Heritage Area?

- areas designated by the community
- overlays a zoning district of a cohesive area
- manages change in flexible ways





# Why is it important?

- preserves/revitalizes character of existing neighborhood
- controls demolition
- prevents development when out of scale, incompatible
- guides small business expansion
- prevents commercial encroachment or sprawl
- holds in balance the supply of affordable housing



# How does it work?

- community panel participates in administrative oversight
- seeks solutions to planning issues
- at least one resident serves on advisory committee (preferably more)
- appointed by the Planning Board
- works with applicants
- advises town Planning Board



# What will this process look like?

1. Engage property owners.
2. Present proposal to Planning Board (PB)
3. Develop preliminary neighborhood plan, (HC and neighborhood representatives).
  - a. Determine boundaries.
  - b. Type of zoning district (overlay or new).
  - c. Draft proposed standards for review.
4. Planning Board accepts preliminary plan.
5. PB accepts draft ordinance and prepares it for the town voters.
6. If it passes, PB creates Neighborhood Advisory Committee.
7. Neighborhood Advisory Committee presents final plan, rules, and procedures to PB for approval.

# Discussion

- What are your questions or concerns?
- Interest for Citizen Community Panel?
- Feasibility for an Advisory Panel to town Planning Board?



# Thank You!

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