

33rd NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY

Saturday March 12th, 2022

The Planetarium at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Concord Community College, Concord, N.H.

PROGRAM

- 9am** Registration, Admission (\$15), does not include lunch.
- 9:15am** Greetings from Northern New England SIA President David Dunning
Introduction of Speakers by Dave Coughlin, Conference Chair
- 9:30am** Robert Timmerman - ***Power to the Mills 1810 - 1860.*** America around 1810 was essentially agrarian. Water powered gristmills were common since the colonial period. Things began to change in the 1820's. Anthracite coal was discovered in Pennsylvania which allowed development of the iron and steel industry. This provided materials for engine builders to supplement water power during summer droughts.
- 10:10am** NH Preservation Alliance - ***Rescue and Revitalization of the Concord Gasholder.*** A timely update on this rare survivor. Explore its history and importance, planning and engagement strategies and preservation practice. After the property owner, Liberty Utilities proposed demolition in 2020, the NH Preservation Alliance and others worked to develop a stabilization and restoration plan.
- 10:50am** Sky Bartlett - ***The Dole Mill Restoration: From the Brink of Collapse to the Verge of Profitability.*** The Dole Mill has a long history in the town of Campton for producing wool products for over 150 years Sky Bartlett and his wife Jessye purchased the closed Dole Mill in 2017. Their goal was to get the doors open again, so the building could once more be brought to life. Visited on NNEC 2021 fall tour
- 11:30am** Lunch on your own. Several restaurants on nearby Ft. Eddy road will be suggested.
- 1:00pm** Rick Ashton - ***Ashton Valve Company.*** A history of the company from its founding in 1871 and their place in the industrial age. Also, a discussion of the products the company produced.
- 1:40pm** Nelson Lawry - ***The Miller's Tale: Mysteries of the Raid on the Cochecho Garrisons, June 1689.*** During the raid, twenty-three residents were killed, including the miller. Four garrison houses and two mills were burned at the lower falls of the Cochecho River. The presentation will focus on persons involved, with descriptions of how the then contemporary mills worked.
- 2:20pm** Dave Coughlin - ***Sawmills and Gristmills of Hillsboro County, N.H. in 1858.*** Throughout New England, brick textile mills with steam were being built in cities and towns. However, 28 towns and two cities in Hillsboro County all depended upon water to power their small sawmills and gristmills.
- Directions:** *From Rt. 93 north and south, take Exit 15 onto Rt. 393/202. Watch for signs of McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and take Exit 1. Turn left onto Ft. Eddy road and pass under Rt. 393/202. Follow road and turn right before large parking lot. This road swings around in back of the college until you see a large rocket and park in the parking area. From Rt. 393/202, take Exit 1 and at end of ramp, turn left. Then right at the large parking lot, go behind college to the parking area.*