

**ESTABLISHING HISTORIC DISTRICT AND COMMISSION  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF COLEBROOK**

**MAY 13, 1963**

At a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Colebrook, on May 13, 1963, the following ordinance was enacted:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 7-147(a) through 7-147K of the General Statutes, Historic Districts are hereby established within the Town of Colebrook to preserve and protect buildings and districts of historic interest.

Section 2. The boundaries of the Historic Districts are as follows:

1. The immediate vicinity of Colebrook Center, to be known as Colebrook Center Historic District. This includes the following buildings and their adjacent property lines, all within view from the Church green:

The Church, the Norman Thompson house, the Margaret Thompson house, the Kotchey house, the Cooper house, the Town Hall, the Firehouse, the gray barn, the Parsonage, the Prentice House, the Pruyrn house, Rockwell house, the Store, Woodbine Cottage and Rockwell Hall.

The district is described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the westerly line of the highway leading from Colebrook Center to North Colebrook, (State Highway #183) with a line parallel to and 50 feet distant northerly from the northerly face of the Prentice-house, so-called; thence running westerly along said parallel line and partly along a stone wall approximately 225 feet to a corner of stone walls; thence running southerly along a stone wall about 65 feet to a corner of stone walls; thence running easterly along a stone wall about 18 feet to the end thereof; thence running southerly in a straight line about 105 feet to the westerly end of a stone wall which runs easterly and westerly; thence running easterly along said last mentioned wall about 110 feet to a point in the prolongation northerly of the line of a stone retaining wall; thence running southerly along said last mentioned line and wall to the end of said wall and land of Elizabeth B. Dribben; thence running westerly along said Dribben land to a stone wall and land of Carolyn P. Pruyrn; thence running southerly along said Pruyrn land, partly along a stone wall and partly along a wire fence, to the northerly line of the highway leading from Colebrook Center to Norfolk (State Highway No. 182A); thence running easterly along the northerly line of said highway about 100 feet to a point in the prolongation northerly across the said highway of the line of a stone wall on the Rockwell Hall premises; thence crossing said highway on said last mentioned line and continuing southerly along said last mentioned stone wall and along wire fence and the prolongation of the line of said fence to the north-westerly line of the highway leading from Colebrook Center to Winsted, (State Highway 183) at or near a culvert under said highway; thence crossing said highway to a corner of stone walls on land of the Thompson Corporation; thence running southeasterly along a stone wall and the prolongation of the line of said wall about 300 feet to a stone wall; thence running easterly along said last mentioned stone wall and the prolongation of the line thereof, which line runs approximately parallel to and about 15 feet distant from the southerly wall of a red barn on said Thompson Corporation premises, to a point in the prolongation southerly of the line of the easterly wall of said barn; thence running southerly in the prolongation of the last mentioned line about 90 feet to a point; thence running easterly in a straight line parallel to and about 50 feet southerly of the southerly wall of the dwelling now occupied by Margaret S. Thompson to the westerly line of the Smith Hill Road, so-called, at the southerly end of a white picket fence; thence crossing said Smith Hill Road to the northerly end of stone wall at the southwesterly corner of land of Edward L. Kotchey; thence running easterly along the same line 100 feet to a point; thence running northerly in a straight line in the southeasterly corner of the lot on which the Gray Barn is situated, being a corner of stone walls; thence running northerly along the easterly line of said barn lot and a stonewall to a corner of stone walls; thence running northerly along a line, which line is the prolongation southerly of the easterly boundary line of the lot on which the Parsonage is situated, to the southerly line of the highway leading from Colebrook Center to Sandy Brook; thence crossing

said highway in the same line to the southeasterly corner of the Parsonage lot to the northeasterly corner thereof; thence running westerly boundary of said Parsonage to the easterly line of said highway leading from Colebrook Center to North Colebrook; thence crossing said highway to the westerly line thereof; and thence running northerly along the westerly line thereof to the point or place of beginning.

2. The immediate vicinity of the area known as Phelps Corners (or Phelps Farm) to be known as the North Colebrook Historic District. This includes the following buildings and their adjacent property lines at North Colebrook:

The Phelps Tavern, the Coach House, the Yellow House, the Blum House, the General Phelps House, the Chimney House and the North Colebrook Baptist Church.

The district is described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the westerly line of the highway leading from North Colebrook to Sandisfield, Massachusetts (State Highway No. 183) with a line parallel to and 175 feet distant southerly from the southerly face of the General Phelps house so-called; thence running westerly along said parallel line approximately 225 feet to the easterly bank of the Sandy Brook; thence running northerly along said bank of said brook approximately 525 feet to the point where the easterly bank of Sandy Brook meets the westerly line of said State Highway, thence running northwesterly along the westerly line of said highway, crossing said brook to land of the North Colebrook Baptist Church Society, Inc., thence running westerly, northerly, easterly, and southerly along the southerly westerly northerly and easterly boundary lines of the land of said Church to said state highway; thence running easterly in a straight line crossing said state highway and said brook to the westerly line of the Prock Hill Road; so-called at a point 10 feet distant northerly from the northerly face of the garage building on the land on which buildings known as the Yellow house is situated; thence running southerly along the westerly line of said Prock Hill Road to a point from which a line crossing Prock Hill Road in an easterly direction will be parallel to and 40 feet northerly from northerly face of the buildings known as Phelps Tavern and running thence easterly along said line as so determined to a point of intersection with a line which is parallel to and 60 feet distant from the easterly face of said Tavern; thence running southerly along said last mentioned line to the easterly line of said State highway; thence crossing said state highway to the westerly line thereof and thence running southerly along the westerly line thereof to the point and place of beginning.

Section 3. An Historic District Commission is hereby established, consisting of five (5) members who shall be electors of the Town of Colebrook, holding no salaried municipal office. The members shall be appointed by town meeting, one to serve until the annual town meeting in October, 1963, one until the annual town meeting in October, 1964, one until the annual town meeting in October, 1965, one until the annual town meeting in October 1966 and one until the annual town meeting in October 1967, and at each annual town meeting commencing with the annual town meeting in October, 1963, one member shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years. Five (5) alternate members for the Commission shall be appointed in a like manner.

Section 4. The commission may adopt rules or procedure and other rules, regulations and orders pursuant to and consistent with the General Statutes, designed to provide for the clear and orderly application of the provisions of the General Statutes to the Historic Districts; and to simplify and facilitate compliance, including, but not limited to, the adoption of a standard form of application for a certificate of appropriateness requiring such information as may be necessary for the Commission to carry out its duties.

Received for record May 15, 1963  
and recorded by me, Town Clerk

On this the first day of July, 1963, Harry Lossin was sworn in office as a Constable for six months.

Attest  
Genevieve D. Phillips, Town clerk