



Jim Perkins

Jim Perkins has served as New London town archivist since 2009 and last taught a course on local history and archives for AIL in 2022. After 25 years in quantitative investment management, Jim earned a master's degree in historic preservation and now consults on projects statewide. He is a past president of the New London Historical Society and the New Hampshire Archives Group.

The First 250 Years in New London: From Lean-To to ADU

Study Leader: Jim Perkins

Mondays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

4 weeks beginning March 3

AIL Classroom, Lethbridge Lodge, Colby-Sawyer College

Maximum number of participants: 40

Between its 1773 charter as the “Alexandria Addition” and the present, New London has grown in overlapping stages: settlement, agriculture, recreation, retirement, commuting and remote work have successively shaped the town’s population and development. These stages, related to advances in transportation and technology, appear clearly on residential maps, but they are also reflected in photographs, newspaper accounts, town reports, business records and personal papers.

This survey course blends formal history lectures and informal conversations with special guests: Sarah Galligan (early New Hampshire history), Nancy Dutton (Lake Sunapee Resorts), John Tilley (YMCA and camping), Laurie Lauridsen (King Ridge Ski Area), Adam Ricker (Zoning and Planning) and others.