TIDE MILL INSTITUTE began informally as a way to share a mutual interest in the study of tide mills. A successful first meeting led to others and then a call to organize. We did so and gained formal non-profit status as an incorporated educational/research institution.

Our primary activity is an annual conference bringing together a broad range of interested historians, archaeologists, students, tidal energy practitioners and just plain folks from the U.S. and elsewhere interested at many levels in tide mill heritage and technology. To date our 14 events have been a collegial mix of the expert and the novice, each offering information about his or her tide mill interest, research or activity. Every conference is a mix of scholarly presentations and informal reports as well as low tide field trips to sites where local tide mills once operated.

Speakers from New England have predominated, but each year we seek to have a special international guest. To date England, Wales, Spain, Northern Ireland, Portugal, France and the Amazon area have been represented.

We offer gratis to anyone TIDE MILL TIMES, our online blog, an informal mix of information about our favorite topic. Short articles are welcome many time.

Please contact us about your interest tide mills if you have questions or if you would simply like to communicate in any way about tide mills past, present or future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Bud Warren – President

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TIDE MILLS GALORE!
from the Piscataqua to the Merrimack

TIDE MILL INSTITUTE
Our 15th Conference

October 25th & 26th, 2019
8:00 – 4:00

The Community Center at Kittery, ME
THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday Morning

8:30 – REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS & CONVERSATION
9:00 – WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
9:15 – Mills of New Hampshire & Kittery

Informal presentations by a wide range of local people who know and love the tide mills of the Seacoast region.

KITTERY – Thompson’s Mill Pond - John Viele
KITTERY – The Chauncey Creek Tide Mill – Deane Rykerson
KITTERY – Several Spruce Creek Mills - Fred Perry
RYE – Several Tide Mills in Rye - Craig Musselman
GREENLAND – The Winnicutt River Tide Mill - Nathan Hazen
NEWCASTLE – The Ritson & Wentworth Tide Mills - Jim Cerny
AN OPEN FORUM - The Role of the Local Historical Society in Preserving and Interpreting the History of Local Tide Mills

NOON - LUNCH (on your own)

Friday Afternoon

1:30 – EXPLORING LOCAL TIDE MILL SITES BY BUS & FOOT
A TIDE MILL FIELD TRIP AT LOW TIDE

A bus trip to view historic tide mill sites in Portsmouth, Newcastle Island and Kittery. Informal walking shoes are recommended.

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM (continued)

Saturday Morning

8:30 – REGISTRATION, LIGHT BREAKFAST & CONVERSATION
9:00 – WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
9:15 – TIDE MILLS: OLD & NEW, NEAR & FAR, HERE & THERE

Exploring and Harnessing the Gulf of Maine’s Tidal Currents
Lauren Scott - Department of Engineering, University of Maine

Two Early Mills in the English Tidal Mud: Anglo Saxon and Late Medieval – Damian Goodburn – The Museum of London Archaeology

Every Tide Mill in the World – An International Documentation Effort – Ewan Sonnic

Pinpointing Boston’s Early Tide Mills – Earl Taylor – President of Dorchester Historical Society, Co-Founder TIDE MILL INSTITUTE

NOON - LUNCH (included in program)

Saturday Afternoon

Tide Mill Institute’s Annual Meeting

Finding Andrew Greele’s Tide Mill in Seabrook NH – Jesse Cofelice, Independent Archaeological Counseling, LLC

From Maine to Georgia: Peveril Meigs’s Search for Tide Mills – Bud Warren - Co-Founder TIDE MILL INSTITUTE