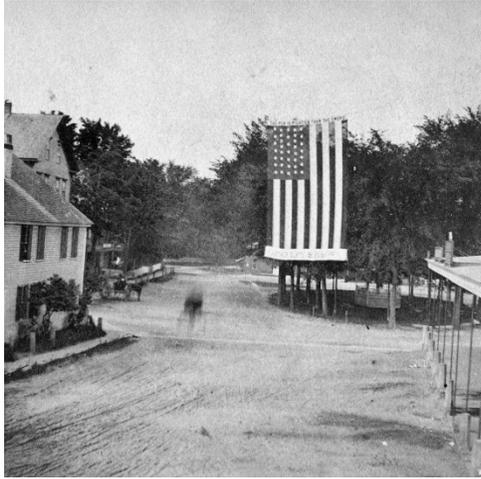




***Milford, New Hampshire -  
a quintessential Colonial  
New England Town***



***The Milford Improvement Team is a public-private partnership working to promote, revitalize, and enhance the historic, natural, social, and economic vitality of Milford.***

## *The Town of Milford, New Hampshire*

The area that is now Milford, New Hampshire, is located in a very historic region of New England, and dates back to a land grant issued by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1659. Having changed hands and names several times during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Town of "Milford" was finally incorporated in 1794. Since that time, Milford has been a busy hub for surrounding communities. The falls and dams along the river provided early power for grist and lumber mills.. Granite from Milford's quarries, was used to make the pillars for the U.S. Treasury, in Washington, D.C., as still seen on the American \$10 bill. Milford moved on to textile mills in the 19th century, which closed after WWII, but Milford remains the commercial and retail center for surrounding towns. The historic downtown is the heart of the community boasting numerous businesses and shopping opportunities.

Also rich in agricultural history, Milford farms were producers of dairy, poultry, wool and orchard produce. Railroads allowed crops, goods and granite to be shipped from Milford to far flung markets. Early on oxen and horse power were the main supply of energy and strength to get the job done locally. Rivers, Roads and Rails all formed a hub of interconnections in Milford. Stores and Services soon served many of the surrounding communities who were too small to support such diverse activity.

Today we are an evolving community -the Oval Area contains many restaurants, retail shops and boutiques, and service related businesses. It remains the hub of activity both social and business wise for Milford and the surrounding towns. Band concerts, festivals and other cultural and recreational activities bring tourists and residents to shop and socialize. We still have World Class employers in Milford including Manufacturing and Technology companies, and though some residents may commute out of town for their employment, they still choose to live here for the quality of life that this community gives their families which comes uniquely from come from its historic, natural, social and economic qualities.

The Milford Improvement Team (MIT) plays a vital role in what makes Milford, Milford. As a private-public partnership, MIT organizes community events and projects on behalf of the town.