

# COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTE

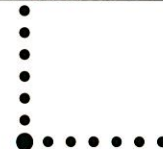
Belmont, New Hampshire

## Project Profile

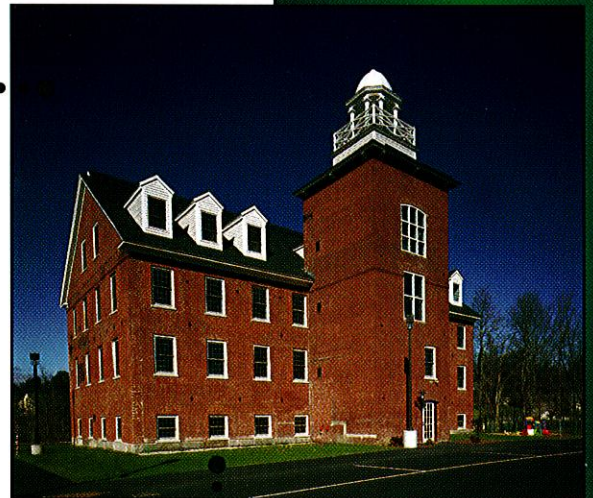
Over the course of two cold days in January, 1996, members of Plan NH gathered in Belmont's Fire Station to conduct a Community Design Charrette. After months of public discourse and deliberation, the citizens of Belmont, in a special town meeting, voted to renovate the former Fenwick Hosiery Company Mill rather than demolish the 163 year old structure. What was once a symbol of New England ingenuity and economic prosperity, had over time become a symbol of economic decline for Belmont residents.

However, with the assistance of Plan NH, the community was able to develop and adopt a plan to renovate one of the oldest remaining textile mills in NH. With the added help of a CDBG grant from the NH Office of State Planning, the building has been converted into a mixed-use project including day care and health care, a senior center, and culinary arts school.

### BELMONT MILL REUSE



Top Right: Local newspaper accounts leading up to the decision to renovate the Belmont Mill (circa. 1833)



Bottom Right: Conversion of Belmont Mill into mixed-used project including day care, health care, senior center, and culinary arts school. Note the construction of new fourth floor and pitched roof.



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