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Preserve Hull~ Park Preservation News

About Us:

Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society Resident Group 501 (C) 3

Welcome to the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society newsletter. We are a resident group 501 (C) 3 working to raise awareness and improve conditions at Fort Revere Park, Farina Road Hull MA.

Fort Revere Park is partly owned by the Town of Hull, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Many decisions need to be made to bring the Park out of disrepair.

If you have not been to the Park, please visit and view the beautiful landscapes and see reminders of its past Military history.

Working to raise awareness and improve conditions at Fort Revere Park

We hope you find this newsletter interesting and continue to read future Publications. ★



Tower at Fort Revere lit in honor of France October 2015

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Special points of interest:

- 2016 goals
- Year in Review 2015
- "Stand for Something"
- How You Can Help

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2015 Review~

Many changes came to our group throughout 2015. We are excited about new members who joined our group bringing new talents. Many Hull residents signed up for our email updates to stay informed and residents of nearby towns ,and some

out of State, also share our interests. We thank you all for your support. 2015 also brought a new FaceBook Page for those interested in our goals. Thank you to our visitors for your comments and pictures posted.

Read more of our 2015 review on page 3 →



Scenes at the Fort:



Visitor at Fort Revere.



Picnic areas at the Fort



Photos by GracieMax

2016 Goals

The Society's original goal was to reopen the Historic Water Tower and Observation Deck. 2016 brings new communications with the Town of Hull Management for possible programs to help make this happen. Our current goal is to reopen the Officers' Quarters Museum Building owned by DCR. We have support from the Hull Historical Commission, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and State Representatives. We have applied to the DCR Partnership Program Grant and are raising funds to match other grants for

"The Key to Success is Sole Ownership of Fort Revere"

repairs needed to reopen the Museum Building. State Legislature passed in 1998 to complete land transfers by the Town of Hull and DCR for the purpose of sole ownership of the park by DCR is still being negotiated. We are hoping for a resolution to benefit all. Thank you to the Hull Historical Commission, State Reps Robert

Hedlund and Garrett Bradley and their office personnel, and Town of Hull Management for working with us. We also thank the Department of Conservation and Recreation for being responsive to our notices of important repairs needed and questions on available programs to help preserve Fort Revere Park. *Cont'd on page 3* →

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2016 Goals cont'd :

The Officers' Quarters front porch is now stabilized and all openings boarded; closed for safety and animal control. DCR released a formal request for interest in Curatorship of the Officers' Quarters Building in December. The Park and Preservation Society will be submitting our letter in January. We will also reply to the DCR request for bid of repair to the OQ front porch this month. Our plans for the Curatorship include a community based reuse of the

building; awareness events, fundraising, lectures, meeting rooms and displays. If your group or business has interest in any of these options or has new ideas, please let us know we hope to have support and public interest in Fort Revere becoming a community based venue. ★

The Society meets on the first Monday of each month. Join us for updates and details on our plans.



Officers' Quarters Building Farina Road 2012

"Stand for Something"

Watch for our fundraising events, volunteer, make a donation today. Attend a meeting, -all ideas are welcome. Your contribution will help us reach our goals.

Photo by Shirley Moloney



2015 in Review~

- ◆ Jan mtg. at DCR Hingham with proposals on OQ porch repair. Met with Boston Architectural College on their interest for a future archaeological dig at the Fort.
- ◆ June walk thru OQ with DCR Officials. Established communications with Hull Historical Commission.
- ◆ July Partnership Program grant application submitted to DCR.
- ◆ Aug 459 signatures gathered for a Special Town Meeting vote on the '98 Land Transfer Statute. FB Page established- **thank you for your posts and support !**
- ◆ Sep meetings with State Senator Robert Hedlund and aide Patrick O'Connor Weymouth Town Council. Mtg. with Gretchen Mirarchi from Rep Garrett Bradley's office on park plans.
- ◆ Oct Special Town Meeting held to vote on '98 Statute.
- ◆ Nov Society statement to Hull Times we do not see the DCR denial of the land transfer as an end to the negotiation process ★



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Working to Save Hull's History
for future generations

Watch for future updates and events



Our Mission:

To promote and preserve the coastal fortifications, related facilities and history of Hull, Massachusetts, and its environs.

Our Goals:

To support the restoration of Fort Revere Park with regard for its historical significance and recreational beauty. Maintain a presence at Fort Revere Park and offer activities to the public to further promote the vital history of Fort Revere. Develop a plan to restore and re-open the Park's Historic Water Tower and Officers' Quarters Museum Building.

Fort Revere Park, Hull MA



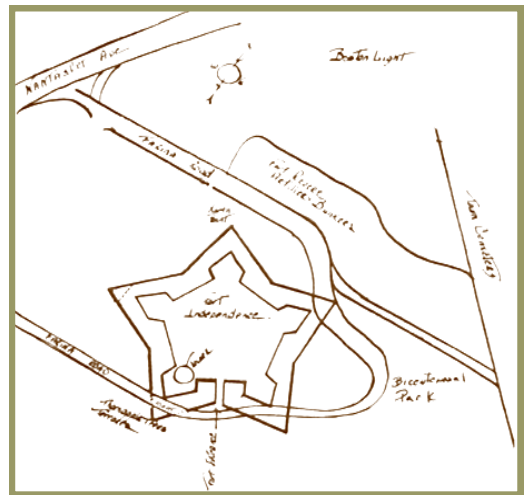
~ Formerly named Fort Independence and now named in honor of Paul Revere, this Coastal Defense System was used to protect Boston Harbor during the American Revolution through the Second World War and was listed on the National Historic Register in 1975.

The 8+ acre historic park holds scenic views of Boston Harbor Islands, nature habitats and dedications from past eras.

The Tower is the first reinforced concrete water tower constructed in the United States and served as a lookout platform in defense of Boston

Harbor. It was sited on one of the five points of the star shaped Fort Independence. Monuments dedicated by the Country of France to honor the French Soldiers who served there sit in the closed water tower's observation deck and on the grounds nearby.

~ Meet with the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society to help protect this vital history of Fort Revere that many fought so hard for and help preserve one of our town's greatest assets. ★



Location of Fort Independence on today's grounds