



News from the Stow Historical Society

*A newsletter for all friends of Stow history.
Please feel free to pass it along to others who might be interested!*

February 2013

Stow's Weather – an Historical Perspective



A winter scene at Stow's One Stack Farm.

*At 7 pm at Randall Library
This Thursday, February 7*

*“If you don’t like the weather in New England,
just wait five minutes.”*

Mark Twain’s saying might sum up our impression of this winter’s weather in Stow, where temperatures have gone from the low teens to the high 60s and back in the course of days.

Don McCasland, Program Director at the Blue Hill Observatory Science Center, will take a longer view at the Stow Historical Society’s February meeting this Thursday evening.

The program on *New England Weather – An Historical Perspective*, will be presented at 7 pm in the Second Floor Conference Room at Randall Library. The program is free and open to all interested persons.

Mr. McCasland will focus on the way that weather has influenced life in New England, correlating observations from Stow residents over several centuries with historical weather events, from droughts and floods through extreme events like the Hurricane of ‘38 and the Blizzard of ‘78.

He’ll also talk about the science of weather monitoring, the history of Blue Hill Observatory and the prospect of climate change.

Come and see historic weather instruments, photographs and weather records from many different years.



The Blue Hill Observatory