

# 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!*

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## *Spend a Little Time with Stow History!*

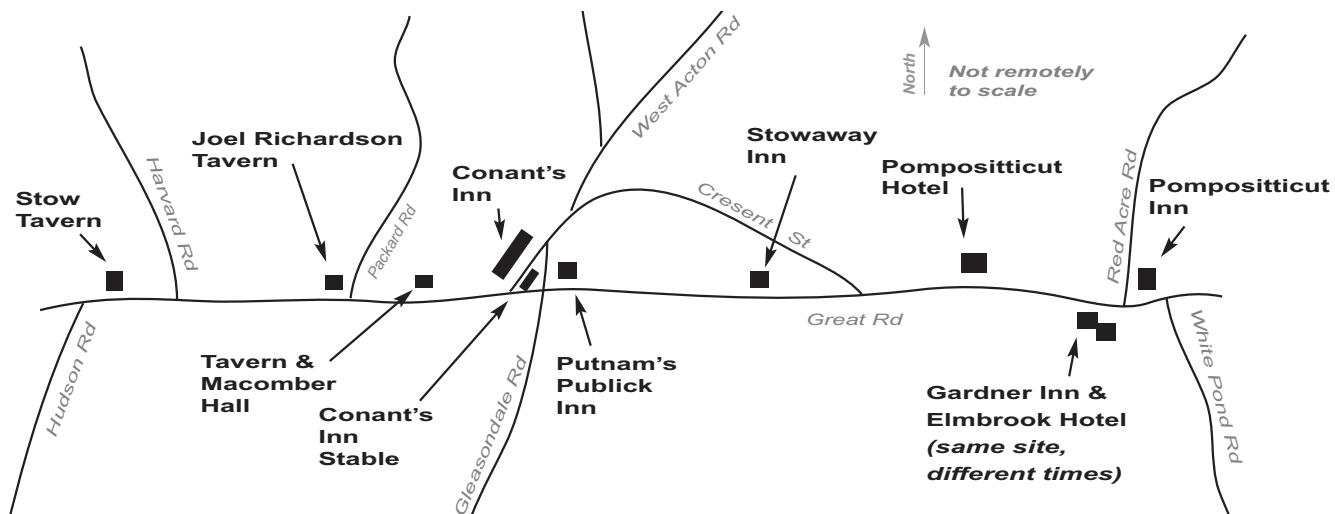


The Randall-Hale House on Sudbury Road dates to the early 1700s but was remodeled in the 1760s into a superb Georgian-style home. It's one of five homes in Stow on the National Register of Historic Places. *Sorry, we won't be stopping and going inside it or any other buildings.*

**There's still time to join the Stow History Bus Tour** on Saturday afternoon, May 19th. SpringFest may not be an official Stow event this year, but the Stow Historical Society is one of several organizations doing "SpringFest" events – in our case, a Stow history tour that takes us back to our community's evolution from farm town (in 1900, 1,000 cows and 1,000 people) to the golf and apple Mecca we live in today.

**The History Bus Tour** begins at the Town Building parking lot at 1 pm. If demand warrants, a second tour will be offered at 3:30 pm.

**To reserve a spot, call Dorothy Sonnichsen, SHS treasurer, at 978-897-3344.** Cost for the tour is \$15 per person, with proceeds used for future educational programs.



**Not Just Farms, But a Place of Commerce:** In the 1800s, Great Road was a major stagecoach and freight wagon route from Boston to points west, and Great Road in Stow Center was home to numerous hotels, taverns, inns and stables (not all at the same time) that accommodated people and horse traffic.