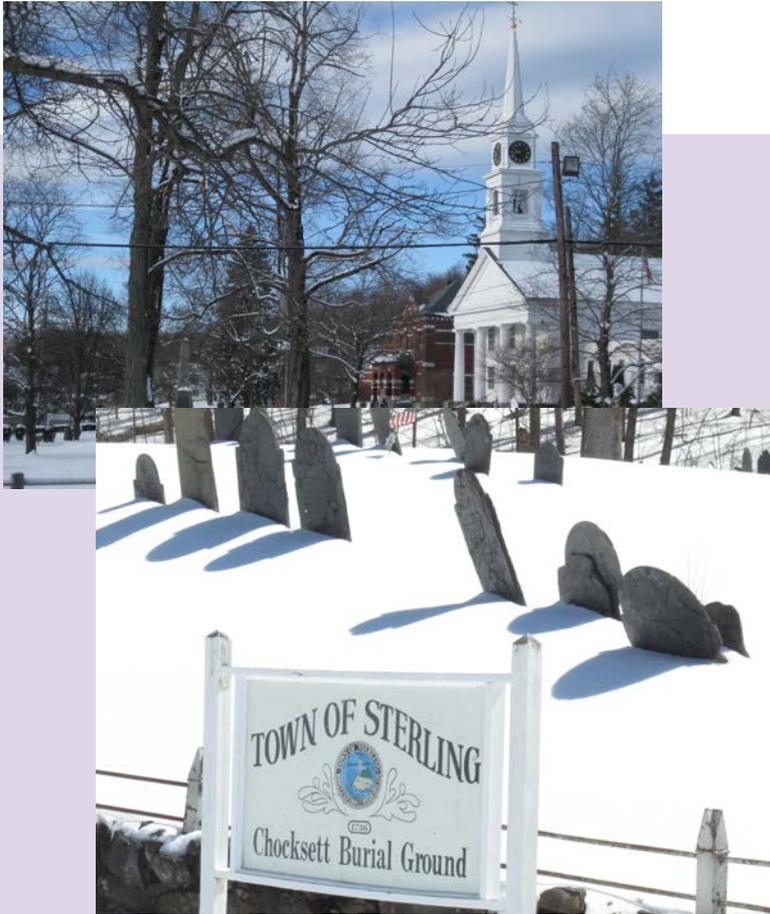




Sterling Master Plan Update: Cultural Resources

Master Plan Committee Meeting
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From Chapter 41, Section 81D:
(5) Natural and cultural resources element which provides an inventory of the significant natural, cultural and historic resource areas of the municipality, and policies and strategies for the protection and management of such areas.

State Requirement



“Cultural & historic
resources ...”

- Master plan is ultimately about a community's physical evolution ...
- Goal of this element: to understand what man-made aspects of the community reflect the community's development over time, especially unique features, in order to protect them in the future.
- Includes but not limited to historic *buildings*.

What are we
trying to do with
a master plan,
anyway?



A master plan's big questions

- Where are we?
- Where have we been?
- Where do we want to go?
- How will we get there?

Why a cultural resources assessment?

Where have we been?

How is who we are today informed by the way we were yesterday?

Where did that road come from, anyway?

What needs to be saved because of its intrinsic value?

What should be saved for the benefit of future residents?



Typical Scope & Sequence: Cultural Resources Element

- Existing Conditions, informed by:
 - Regional context
 - Inventory review
 - National Register, State Register, Local
 - Local capacity (Historical Commission, Society, District Commission; Town Clerk, Library, others)
- Issues & Opportunities - Risks, losses, archives management, regulatory reform
- Action Plan



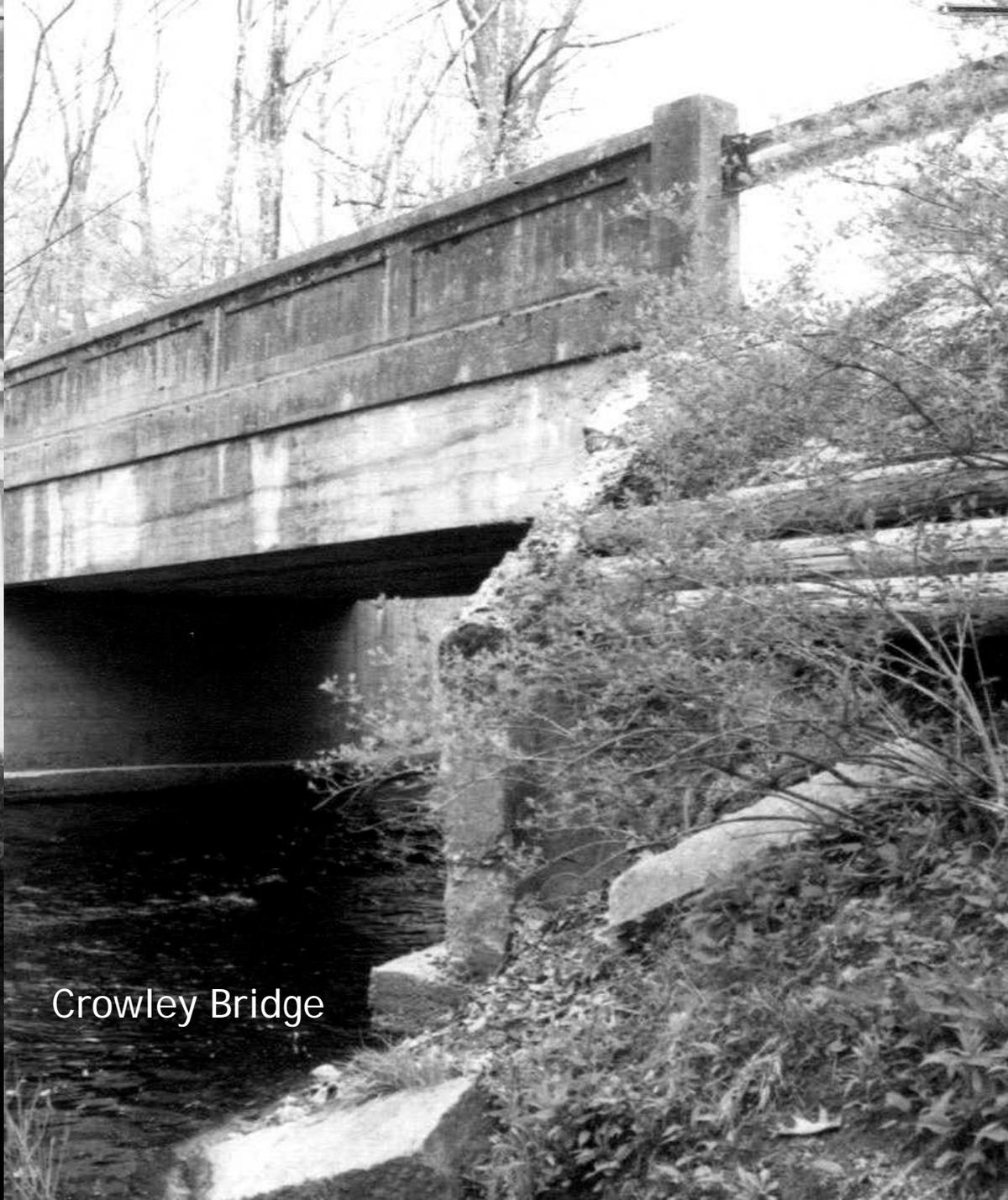
Redemption Rock Bridge



Cookshire Cemetery



Civil War Monument



Crowley Bridge

Questions

- What historical events have shaped your life and life experiences?
- What does “historic preservation” mean to you?
- What is a cultural resource?

What matters to you?

- Let's start with buildings ...
 - What buildings make Sterling unique?
 - What buildings may be historically significant in Sterling?
 - What buildings should be protected for the future residents of Sterling?



- Park
- Farms/heritage landscapes
- Bridges
- Schools
- Libraries
- Old homes
- Statues or landmarks

Please collaborate!

- Unique
- Historically significant
- Should be preserved