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A Chronological Listing of History, Planning and Conservation on and around Mt. Agamenticus

- **1671 – 1873** various mills are operated at the mouth of Chase’s Pond with water that flows from Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1720** Probably the first dam is built at Chase’s Pond.
- **1895** York Shore Water Company was organized to “Supply the Towns of York and Wells with Pure Water”.
- **1896** Directors of the York Shore Water Company Voted: “Chase’s Pond and the Water Rights Connected Therewith be Purchased by This Company”.
- **1896** Piped Water from Chase’s Pond was turned on in York Beach.
- **1908** Piped Water from Chase’s Pond reach’s York Corner.
- **1918** First Fire Tower built on Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1929** An Act to Create the York Water District was passed by The Maine State Legislature.
- **1930** The Supreme Judicial Court orders York Water District to pay York Shore Water Company fair market value for their Plant, Property and Franchises. On payment the property passes to the York Water District including property to the summit of Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1941** A Military Radar Base is built on Summit of Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1950’s** Replace the first fire tower with a second Fire tower on Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1964** Big A Ski Area opens.
- **1974** Big A Ski Area closes.
- **1974** proposed 3500-unit housing development on and around Mt. Agamenticus by an Oklahoma developer.
- **1975** Town of York votes down the proposed 3500-unit housing development.
- **1975** Town of York voters approve to protect Mt. A for a wilderness/recreation area.
- **1975** Sasonoa Preliminary Study and Data Sheets, Citizens Ad Hoc Committee for the Towns of South Berwick and York.
- **1976** Town of York forms the Mt. A. Advisory Committee.
- **1976** Summary of Recommendations for Mt. Agamenticus Wilderness Area, Agamenticus Advisory Committee to Town of York.

- **1977** Local Officials request United States Department of Agriculture conduct a study of the 32-square mile Mt. Agamenticus Area, so local communities can make informed decisions about the future of Mt. A. This was an 18-month study.
- **1980** Final Report of the Mt. Agamenticus United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative Study. Report includes Appendixes for Water Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Resources, Fish & Wildlife Resources, and a Botanical Survey.
- **1980** Wright –Pierce Engineers complete, “HANDBOOK: A Guide to Passive Recreation Potential of Mt. Agamenticus” for the York Parks Commission to aid them in park planning and implementation process.
- **1980** York residents voted to spend \$200,000 to purchase the summit of Mt. Agamenticus for public benefit and appreciation of its vastness, scenic landscape and recreational opportunities.
- **1980** York Water District leases Mt. A Road to Town of York and 2.5 acres for future parking lot at the corner of the Mt. A Road and Mountain Road for 1 dollar for a 50-year lease. The purpose of this lease is access and egress to the planned public park at Mt. A.
- **1991** Surveyor’s Report of Mt. Agamenticus, South Berwick and York Maine, Land for Maine Future Board.
- **1992** Surveyor’s Report of Mt. Agamenticus Properties, Titcomb Associates for the Town of York.
- **1996** Mt. A Advisory Committee held its last meeting on April 12th.
- **1996** Mt. A Steering Committee holds its first meeting on April 30th York Water District was and continues to be a member to this day.
- **1997** Mt. Agamenticus Trail Condition and Recreational User Review, Roger P. Cole for Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee.
- **1997** Mt. Agamenticus Chronology, Researched and Compiled by Roger P. Cole for the Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee.
- **1997** Mt. Agamenticus Trail and Recreational User Survey, Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission for the Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee. Since then annual “Visitor Use Surveys” have been conducted from 2001 to present.
- **1999 “Mt. Agamenticus Public Use and Trail Management Plan”**, prepared by Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission for the Mt. A Steering Committee. It served as the vehicle for grant applications and the resulting funding as well as establishment of the Conservation Coordinator position and collaborative funding (annual contribution) of that position by the various municipal (such as York Water District) and non-profit stakeholders.
- **1999 – 2000** The Nature Conservancy, Great Works Regional Land Trust and the York Land Trust completed the Mt. Agamenticus Challenge, a conservation effort that raised \$3.2 million and protected an additional 1,652 acres around Mt. Agamenticus.
- **1999** Torbert McDonald led first group of local youth in trail work.
- **2000** Susan Ask, the first Mt. A Conservation Coordinator is hired; first Conservation Trail Crew members hired. Seasonal crews continue to be hired each year through 2017 to manage and maintain the trail system.
- **2002-2018** The successful Mt. Agamenticus Challenge together with increased threats of development inspired the formation of the current land conservation effort: the Mt.

Agamenticus to Sea Conservation Initiative (MtA2C). A coalition of 10 National, Regional and Local partners collectively protected an additional 2,864 acres of land since 2002.

- **2004** Conservation Plan for the Mt. Agamenticus Region this lays forth the community's vision of timely and lasting conservation in the Mt. A Region. It was developed with extensive public input from a broad range of citizens and stakeholders.
- **2004** Robin Kerr is hired as the second Mt. A Conservation Coordinator.
- **2006** Mt. Agamenticus Trail Assessments and Field Observations, David Tibbetts for the Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee.
- **2009** Mt. A Summit Guidelines for Usage contains original traffic count data and illustrates the need for improved services and vision of the lodge.
- **2010** The Mt. A Lodge is transformed into the Learning lodge.
- **2011** Planning of the Universal Access Trail.
- **2012** Public Access and Trail Plan prepared by Southern Maine regional Planning Commission for the Mt. A Steering Committee.
- **2013** Mt. A. Planning Workshop with Selectmen, YWD Trustees, Steering Committee and others; demonstrated need for additional workshop and implementation /funding plan for Mt. A.
- **2014** Construction of Phase I of the Universal Access Trail on summit of Mt. A.
- **2015** Construction of Universal Deck Phase I and Universal Access Trail Phase II.
- **2015** Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee "Strategic Plan & Benchmarks" highlighting first hill goals for resource management, access, infrastructure, public support, public programming and communications.
- **2016** "Mt. Agamenticus Parking & Traffic Flow Needs Study" by Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission.
- **2016** Created a draft, Base & Summit Parking Concept Designs.
- **2016** Construction of phase III & IV of the Universal Access Trail. Trail Grand Opening in September 2016.
- **2017** Formal letter from York Water District to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee expressing the need for formalized parking and facilities at Mt. Agamenticus. All visitors who park in the limited base parking, most of the summit parking and along Mountain Road are using first hill, property owned by York Water District.
- **2017** York Water District Board of Trustee's approve a line item in the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget to fund the design and engineering of the Parking at Mt. Agamenticus but want a guarantee from Selectmen the parking lot design will go on to the voters for construction in a timely manner.
- **2018** Workshop of Town of York Board of Selectmen and YWD Board of Trustees to discuss Mt. Agamenticus issues.