

RE: Prescott Park
Meeting: Site Walk 12/07/22

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

12/02/22

Below is a copy of the NH Flood Hazard Viewer for the area of the Site Walk in Prescott Park. It is in the AE Zone with EL 8. This flood map is dated 01/29/2021.

[New Hampshire Flood Hazards Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

Some things to consider:

1. If the building(s) are raised 8' that is the absolute minimum protection for the next 9 years.
2. Notice how the flood zone runs. Will raising this area then impact the areas next to them which are not in the flood zone. Not all water runs where engineers think it will. The storm just a couple days ago had rain sheeting across not down. Water runs the path of least resistance and rain and snow move as the wind blows.
3. The goal seems to be to build a bigger stage and provide more building access for name bands.
4. Could the building be preserved and a much larger venue be built on Pease or other areas out of the wetlands? Wasn't Prescott Park supposed to be a quiet park for all to enjoy with small local plays and bands, not for big name bands and thousands of people with no place to go if anything happened much less any place to park?
5. How long will the height increase provide protection? Flood Zones are reevaluated every 10 years. Will it need to be dug up again in 15 years or less? It seems to be going from a grassy area to a lot more man made surfaces.



Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bratter
159 McDonough St, property owner

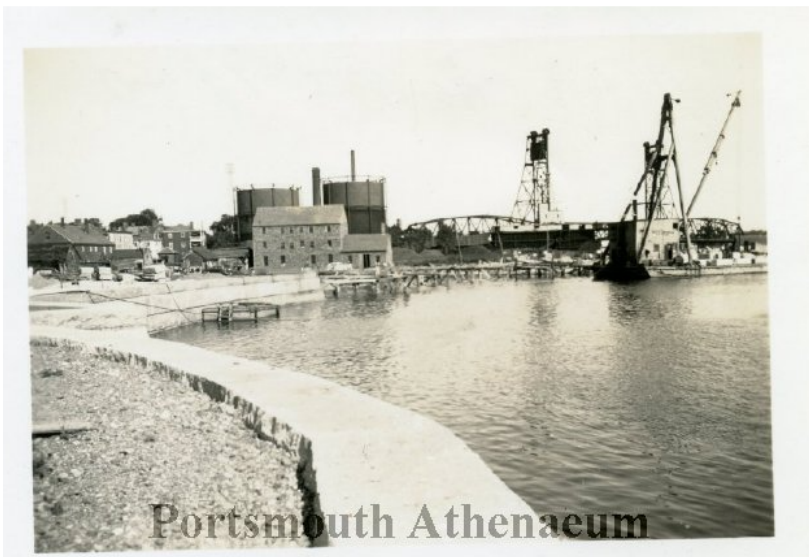
Shaw Warehouse, Liberty Flag Pole between 1930 and 1940 (Marcy St/Water Street)

Photograph by Harriman, Arthur I. (Portsmouth)

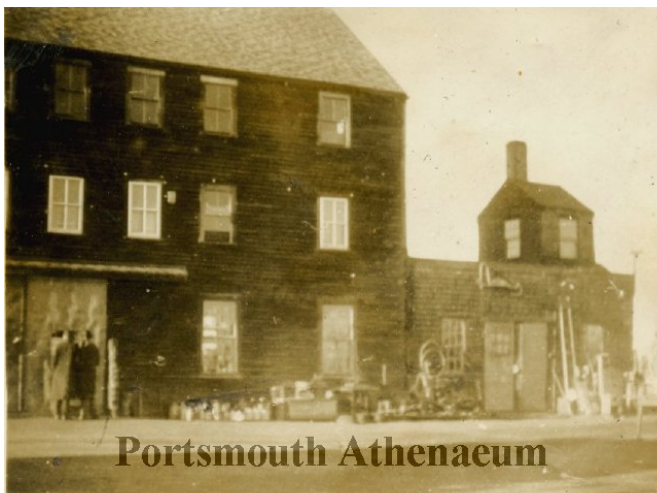


The building in the center background is the Shaw Warehouse, which still stands in Prescott Park.

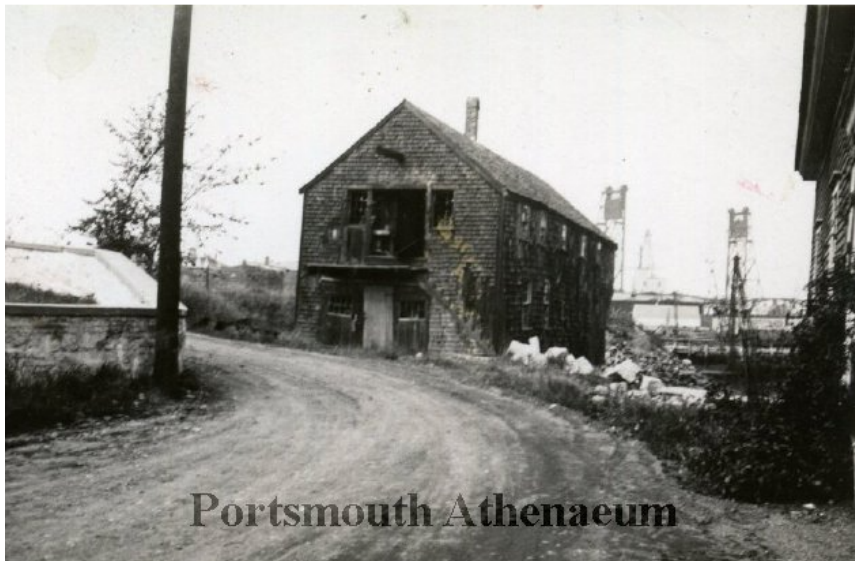
Range 1935-1945, Photograph by Harriman, Arthur I. (Portsmouth)



Shaw Warehouse taken between 1925 and 1935



Sheafe Warehouse (built 1705 for Wentworth's), on original site by the Point of Grave Cemetery
About 1925



Sheafe Warehouse about 1890

Laughton Family Album

The warehouse was located on the southern shore at the entrance to Puddle Dock. The entire waterway was filled in, and it is now part of Prescott Park. Also seen is the stone wall for Point of Graves, at far right, and a large warehouse structure, at right, that was the site of the Portsmouth Yacht Club.



Sheafe Warehouse at Prescott Park being moved.

About 1935



Sheafe Warehouse:

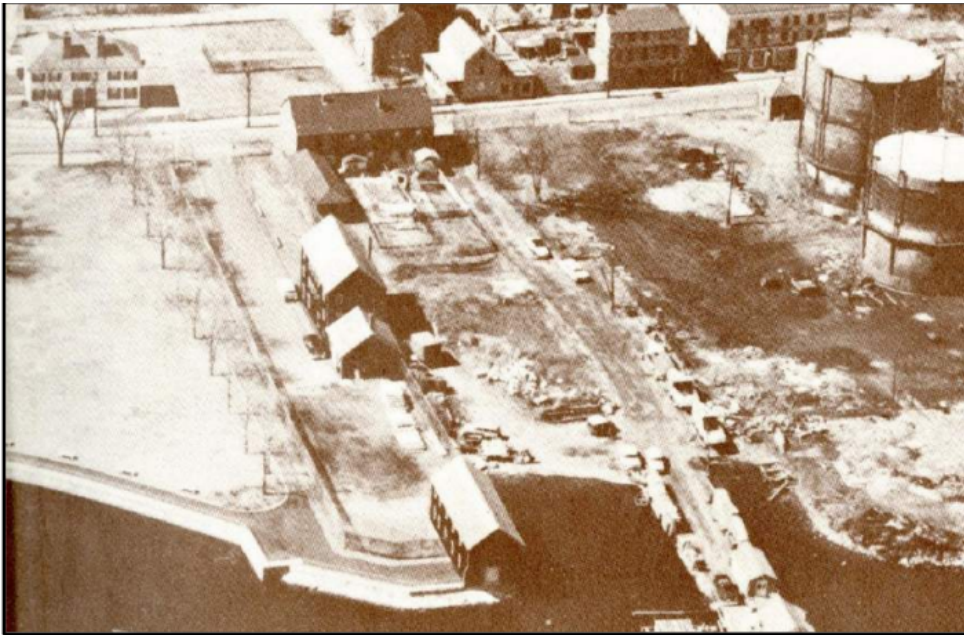
Originally located at the foot of "Gravesend Street" opposite the Point of Graves Cemetery on Mechanic Street. Moved to its current location after 1935.



Tide Gates-explanation from Internet

On tidewater side of the pipe there is a hinged door which opens outwards towards the bay or estuary. **When water levels are higher on the side of the pipe towards the drained area, the weight of the water holds the door open, allowing water to flow out into the bay or estuary.**

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Attachment 7. Aerial image of Portsmouth taken in 1963 showing park under construction.

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Just some historical pictures of the actual buildings and area in question. Submitted by:

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