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Our speaker is Stephen H. Taylor.

Steve is a native of Plainfield, NH. He began his career as a newspaper man and served as the managing editor of the Valley News for 8 years. He subsequently served 25 years as NH's Commissioner of Agriculture under six governors - quite an accomplishment. While all this was going on, he founded the Taylor Dairy Farm. After 43 years of dairying, the cows were sold and what remains is the wonderful little store in Plainfield known as Taylor Brothers Sugarhouse and Creamery selling cheeses and maple products.

Steve is the founding executive director of the NH Humanities Council and, under the banner of "Humanities-To-Go, has for years enthralled audiences with his stories of the history of rural New Hampshire. Today, he will discuss "The Great Sheep Boom and its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape", one of the few short periods when New Hampshire farmers got rich.