

The Society was thrilled to be present for the ceremony to celebrate the renaming of the Pittsford National Fish Hatchery to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery. The hatchery was originally named for its postal district, in spite of the fact its lands were entirely within the Town of Chittenden.

An act of Congress was necessary to make the change. After the Centennial Celebration in 2008, a name change was discussed with Legislative aides. Selectman Dave Sargent undertook the task of writing our Congressional delegation to ask for the change. The change is already official; it came in part of the Omnibus bill passed in March. The name commemorates President Eisenhower's visit to Chittenden in 1955. He came to fish in Furnace Brook, but didn't catch any fish. (Local boys got them the night before.) The next year, construction began to completely rebuild the hatchery. So, it is fitting that the hatchery should bear his name.



Sen. Leahy, the Chittenden Selectmen and Gov. Douglas before the new sign.



Senator Leahy visits the Society's booth.