

# Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

## February 2020

The hand made Iron sign made by Mark Suchocki has been installed once again. The previous installation lacked deep enough lag bolts allowing it to pull away from the building. With the winter months upon us, and most of us having full time jobs, we had to leave it down due to our safety of trying to install it in the dark after work. We did however take advantage of a warm, sunny, Monday morning where Tom Hurd, Brian Tanguay, and John Chouinard got together and installed the sign with the proper bolts, cement, and patience.

We are proud of this wooden sign created by Harry Aldrich now hopefully secured on the side of 1 Boynton once again.

Thanks to Mark and Harry for making this sign for all to see.



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Narragansett Historical Society and send to  
PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

# Cabin Fever

The 6th annual Cabin Fever was another great success with 13 collections shown and the largest crowd to date in attendance. Lots of Questions were asked about each collection with many being shown for the first time. Chili from Kamaloht was served with hot dogs, chips, and a toasted donut with whipped cream that satisfied the taste buds of all who tried it.

Donations and new members signed up while they were at the show. You'll have to go online to our Facebook page to see more images where more will be added.

Here are just a few of what others have posted so far.

Brian is testing out the telescope once used to survey Templeton. The Metal detectors displayed the many finds, some found on our back woods property, and a great collection of lamps. Many have offered to sign up for next year's show.



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## TANGUAY JEWELERS



# HUHTALA

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# Ipswich clock news

Damon di Mauro, a professor at Gordon College in Hamilton, MA, wants to use a picture image of our clock in an article he is writing for a clockmaker's magazine *National Watch and Clock Collectors Bulletin*. We will give him our approval. He also asks where the clock is now so that he might visit it and I would think he might include the information in his article.

The above paragraph is taken from an email received recently from Ipswich about the clock. This is exactly why we took an interest in providing a home for this important tower clock. To create interest in our Historical Society and to bring in people who are interested in the history of this clock and the many other important artifacts we hold.

Each visitor who is taking interest in one artifact, usually takes the tour and discovers other interesting items on display. We anticipate once this article is published, we could see a rise in visitors looking for the tower clock only to discover we have two tower clocks, several tall clocks, and hundreds of other items we are sure they will be excited to see.

Good things are happening.





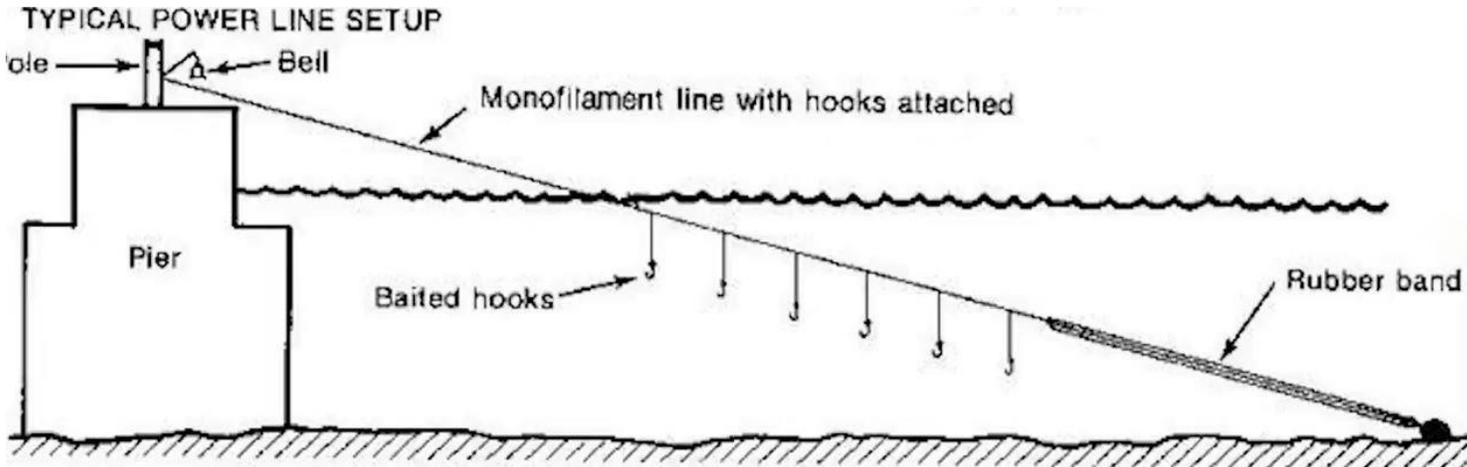
# “A moment in time”

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian*

## FISHING WITH A POWERLINE

I was wondering how many of you have ever heard of or fished with a power line. Years ago we use to fish for Hornpout at the Quabbin reservoir using a set up called a powerline. The setup consisted of about fifty feet of heavy fishing line with twenty feet of rubber band attached to one end of it. There would be two long shank hooks tied about a foot apart onto the line. We would attach a weight such as a brick or rock to the end of the rubber band and throw the weight out into the water as far as we could. The idea was that every time we pulled the line in, the rubber band would pull it right back to the same location when it was let go. Some people would attach a small bell to the line once it was let out. The bell would ring when a fish nibbled at the bate letting them know they have a bite. When we were done we would pull the rubber band in and wind the whole set up onto a piece of wood. Sometimes the weight would drag in and sometimes the rubber band would slip off. When this happened we got a little wet.

One of my favorite things to use for a weight was old cast iron window weights. Usually were easily retrieved. Shown below is a diagram showing a set-up.



# President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



**We have had some busy months to start off the new year, no rest for the historically minded. Work continues on the Civil War frames each Tuesday night, cleaning them up and preparing them to stand up against the back wall of the stage.**

**The Cabin Fever show went off without a hitch. Great teamwork from all of our volunteers and collectors. We are sure to acquire a few more new members. Everyone had a great time with many positive comments.**

**Plans are being worked on as you read this in preparation to get the Grange hall wired and insulated. This part should go quite rapidly, so we are under pressure to find more funding to take the next step of drywall and painting. Volunteers are working on how to set up the stage once it's ready, which curtains to find? Paint colors? Lighting for the Grande Drape and the advertising curtain, not to forget the Civil War Memorial Frames. Display cases need to be built which will be filled with the many artifacts we have currently in storage.**

**We want to thank our sponsors who continue to support our efforts in preservation, our organization is better because of them.**

**The continued support of the CPC grants and the Community Foundation of North Central Mass has helped move the Grange hall project forward without causing the extra stress of creating new events. We can focus on what's been working, and lean on our volunteers who should be commended for their continued hours of time dedicated to moving this project forward.**

**As the temperature begin to remind you of spring and with the extra hour of sunlight we will soon gain, keep in mind that we will soon begin our Tuesday night at the Museum and Saturday afternoons. Please pick a few of those days or nights to help our with the many projects on the agenda.**

**As I get comfortable with the next stage in my life, Grandfather to two babies, a girl who is 17 months and a boy who is only 3 weeks, I feel a stronger sense of doing the best I can to guarantee that this organization is "set for life". Not only mine, but for the many generations to come. This Society has been going strong for about 6 generations now, our hard work will be the reason it will survive and thrive.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>  
 Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd  
 Templeton MA

**Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**

**March 25th at the Senior Center 7pm**

**April 22nd at the Main Building at 1 Boynton Rd**



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