

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

January 2020



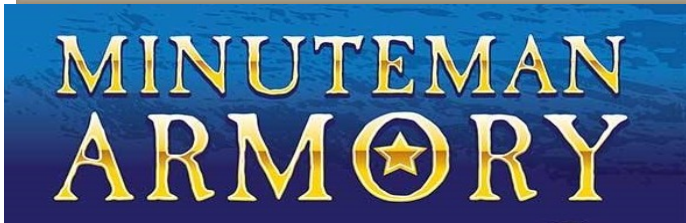
Our Colonial Christmas was enjoyed by all who worked and attended. A bit cold with a storm on the way, we kept warm inside with our bake sale and Santa by the tree. The kids had a blast and some of the adults sat around the camp fire telling stories and keeping warm. The tree lighting was met with songs for the season and well wished for a happy holiday and a great new year. Thanks to all who helped make this final event for 2019 a success. Be sure to thank our sponsors who are such a vital part of our growth. Please mention it to them when you visit their businesses.



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Gift DONATIONS

The Society is proposing anyone interested in donating items to the Society in the future consider having it in Archival Condition. This will better preserve the item for future years

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

YES! I would like to make a donation to the
Narragansett Historical Society

I/We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

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Thank You

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

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Cabin Fever show is coming

Do you have a collection you'd like to show? We have featured so many different collections over the past 5 years. Many have returned several times, others have displayed a different collection each year. Please let us know if you plan to attend and show your lifetime collection with us. February 23rd at the Baldwinville American Legion Post 373 on 3 Central Street, enter through the parking lot out back.

If you haven't been to one, please mark your calendar now, and don't miss out again.

**Food is available, a small admission charge is suggested,
the knowledge you acquire is free.**

SCOTTY'S POTTIES

This past event, Colonial Christmas will be the last time we have Scotty's Potties donation.

Scott has been providing us an outdoor pottie for the past 3 years. Each donation helps us in our fund raising efforts, and this is no different.

Scott has sold the business to someone in NH. The business will still be around, but with someone new, our agreement with Scott may not be the same.

Our sincere thanks go out to Scott for his support and generous donations.

On behalf of the entire Historical Society, we wish you well in your new endeavor, whatever you have planned.

Membership

To all of you who are members, we are always adding to our growing numbers, now standing at 448. Without a growing membership, we are destined to stay the same or fail. Keep a copy of our membership application or remind your family and friends to become a member to help preserve the history we are left to care for. Since we began in the 1920's, we have been able to survive on donations and fundraising events. Close to 100 years now and counting.

Bring someone new when you attend an event, a meeting, or a work project, this is how we introduce our great organization to others.

It's a pleasure to share what we have in this great collection, each new visitor is excited to discover the amazing items on display.

Please help us grow, sign up someone new today.

Thank you

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TANGUAY JEWELERS



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Cabin Fever Collector's Show

Sunday, February 23,
2020, 12pm-5pm

suggested entry donation of \$5
food will be available for purchase

Baldwinville Legion, 3 Central
Street, Baldwinville, MA

to display your collection email

Brian at

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“A moment in time”

by: **Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian***

The Narragansett No. 6 Fire Engine

On May 13th, 1843, the Engine Company No.6 was formed in Templeton Center. The company was a private group that had no connection with town government. Their fire engine, Narragansett No. 6 was a small rotary pump that could be pulled and operated by probably a half dozen men and had to be supplied with water by a bucket brigade which consisted of people lining up, filling pails with water from a well or some other source and dumping them into the tub of the pump. In 1845, this group disbanded and the men sold the engine and divided the money from the sale.

In 1851, a new company was formed and appointed by the selectmen and has been in service ever since. At the time, Templeton consisted of 9 districts and stations, then known as engine houses were established in 5 of the districts. These engine houses would be located in Templeton Center, Brooks Village, Baldwinville, Otter River, and East Templeton. The names of the engine placed in Brooks Village was called Tiger. Ellsworth which was purchased from Ellsworth, ME was in Baldwinville. This engine was later sold to Francistown, NH, renamed Mt. Crochet and today has been restored and displayed in their town. The engine in Otter River was named Hero and the engine in East Templeton was called Bay State. I have no information showing if there was an engine in the center prior to the new engine described below.

A new engine was purchased for Templeton Center in 1859. This engine was given the name, Narragansett No. 6, same as the original engine. The town borrowed the funds to purchase this engine from Mr. John Boynton, owner of the tin shop on Hubbardston Rd. now known as Grange Hall. This engine, Narragansett No. 6 still exist today and is on display at the museum of the Narragansett Historical Society on the common. In the summer during functions it is pulled out and set up to be viewed. On occasions the fire fighters of our town also take it to parades and other functions.



President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



As I sit here and consider what's next for the Society, my hopes are to find a way to make my job easier for the next President. Financially, we are more than half way to the goal we set 5 years ago, to have an invested growth account capable of generating enough funds to pay our normal everyday bills. The goal is \$100,000.00. To reach this goal, we have to continue our events calendar which helps bring in some of the money needed throughout the year, we also rely on our sponsors who help fund specific projects and also help build the fund, grants take us to the next level using money to help buy materials and professionals when needed, private donations from individuals and groups who consider our importance in the community, and finally our hard working members who take time from their busy lives to spend the hours needed to get things done. Each hour given is saving us from using up the funds in our investments and compounds the growth by leaps and bounds.

Last year was met with a few hurdles which were handled by our team of officers and directors who vote on each and every situation we are placed in. Stress is always in the background and it is good to know the entire team is there to handle anything thrown our way.

2020 is looking like it will be a good year with a few new faces capable of helping in so many ways. New ideas and new projects are on the books so keep an eye on our Facebook page and the pages of this newsletter as we navigate through each and every month throughout the year. Don't be shy, speak up if there is something of interest to you, we certainly can't call all 400 plus members to see who may want to help, so it's up to you to call or email, or send a private message on Facebook. If we don't get back to you in a few days, call again, we are doing our best to capture all that is happening, so once in a while we forget. (Senior moments happening daily)

Happy new year to you all, hope to see you at the building when you can, and most of all, Enjoy this great organization and the wonderful collection we are so lucky to preserve.

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President: Brian Tanguay
Vice Pres. Vacant
Secretary Amy Guthrie
Treasurer Kelly Elliot
Curator: Brian Tanguay
Historian: Harry Aldrich

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 NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME
 any time.**



Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist Society)** It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. We have created a "page" instead of a "profile" 1400 members

<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

January 22nd At the Senior Center 7pm

February 26th Senior Center 7pm



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