

# Narragansett Historical Society

## On the Common in Templeton MA

# July 2019

Narragansett Historical Society  
Presents:

## Let's Fly a Kite!

August 4, 2019  
12-4pm

342 Baldwinville Road,  
Templeton

Kid's Games

Bring your own picnic  
blanket

BBQ foods for sale

Tractor Pull across the way

Live Music provided by a grant from the  
Templeton Cultural Council

Narragansett Historical Society  
Presents:

## Motorpalooza '19

September 22, 2019  
12-4 pm

On the Common, Templeton Center

Any motor welcome

Free admission

Lunch and snacks for  
sale

Music by Boothill Express

Music sponsored by a grant from the  
Templeton Cultural Council

The museum at 1 Boynton Road  
will also be open.



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**Narragansett Historical Society**  
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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.

# 2019 Calendar

**August 4th Go fly a kite Festival at Brooks field on Baldwinville Rd. tractor pull, giant bubbles, food tent, and music sponsored by a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council**



**August 17 & 18th Craft Fair days on the Common, share many activities with the Historical Society as we share our vast collection of artifacts and photographic journeys into the past. Bake sale, and the infamous “What is it?” table of oddities. Bring yours to stump our visitors.**



**September 22nd Sunday MOTORPALOOZA 2019 With Boothill Express, sponsored by the Templeton Cultural Council, open house, food tent, and so much more.**



**October we plan to expand on the Civil War Day featuring a Civil War band, multiple tents for soldiers, a camp fire with food served from the pot, all planned to focus on the newly displayed Civil War artifacts, pictures, and stories currently set up in the Document room.**

**Pick an event and help get it off the ground,  
organize, advertise, and make it a success.  
It all depends on you.**

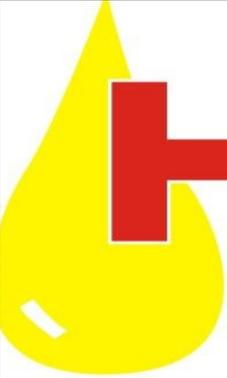


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**July 20th started our Civil War display which will continue into October.**

**The day started around 9am as we hosted a pit stop for the Mass Bike Coalition's Tim Johnson ride from Wachusett brewery through Princeton, to Templeton, and to the top of Mount Wachusett. Most bikers were on their way by 10:30am.**

**Paul Grady and Brad Kendall set up tents in the garden to showcase what it was like to camp during the Civil War. Ulysse Maillet and Jerry Jaillet played fiddle and harmonica out front in the shade of a 100 degree day. The constant breeze made for a comfortable day.**

**Inside the collection of Civil War artifacts were displayed in the Document room.**



## Election results

**With diminishing attendance those who attended the last meeting decided to keep those who are in office and continue the positions, leaving several vacant spots that can be filled once our board finds someone willing to do the work, take the time, and be there with not only ideas, but with action.**

**If you are interested in taking on a position with this active and growing Society, please come to the next meeting, help at the next event, and help lead us through another year. We have a lot on our plate, so don't be shy.**

**President- Brian Tanguay  
Vice President — (Vacant)  
Secretary—Amy Guthrie  
Treasurer ————— open**

**Historian—Harry Aldrich**

**Directors  
3 year term; Amy Guthrie      open      open  
2 year term: Eileen Bouvier, Thomas Hurd, Jessica Duguay  
1 year term: Darlene LaClair, Ann Lyons, Open**

**Trustees  
David Huhtala, John Brooks, Tom Jeleniewski, open**



# “A moment in time”

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

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, Templeton Center, final part.**

Templeton Center did not receive very much, if any flood damage during the hurricane that I have read about, probably due to the fact that it is the highest part of the town and does not have any rivers flowing through the populated areas. This does not mean by any means that it was spared. The steeple on the First Church was blown off by the hurricane winds and pierced through the roof and into the church. The patched ceiling was still visible until a few years ago when the inside of the church was painted.

The only major damage that I am familiar with, or have been told about, is the destruction of a barn owned by a gentleman named Moses Leland on Dudley Rd. The story about the barn was told to me by Mr. Richard Kendall. The story goes like this. Mr. Kendall, who was a photographer, saw the barn moving in the wind and knew it would not survive. He set his camera up and was waiting for it to become airborne. His mother saw what he was doing and not think this was right, she knocked the camera over just as the barn shown below in a photo by Mr. Kendall was destroyed.



The only other story I have been told about the hurricane in Templeton Center was by my mother telling about how their chicken coop was picked up blown out into the pasture and the chickens were getting blown all around the field. I am sure there were other stories of buildings and trees that were damaged or destroyed but none that I have heard of.

According to *The Story of Templeton*, the biggest loss to the Town of Templeton was loss in taxes from the government taking the land and buildings to construct Birch Hill dam. The total tax loss at the time was \$8,435.00 which by today’s standards would be much more.

There are many more photos about the flood at the museum. Stop in to see them sometime.

# President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



## *Why am I president?*

**The easy answer is, I volunteered. I've mentioned in the past that it is an honor to be in this position as I've looked back to see who held this office over the past 100 years. I do my best to maintain the direction of the Society, what's best overall, and how we are going to survive the next 100 years. You don't hold this office and think of yourself, you think of the good of the organization. I've overseen projects doing my best to keep it on track, never worried about the time invested, the participation needed, or the blood and sweat required to get the job done. Some have let me know they disagree with a few of my decisions, but if they take a step back, look at the whole picture, and see the results, they will eventually understand that it is not personal, it is not an attack, but simply the orchestration of keeping the project going in the right direction for the good of the Society.**

**Yes, there have been concessions made if the overall project will succeed, but if it looks like it will only benefit a few, I will always step in and vote in the Society's favor. It is not my sole decision in any case brought to my attention, we have a great group of directors, officers, and trustees who guide the process through emails, votes and meetings to enforce those decisions using our mission statement and our bylaws created for those instances where it will never be just one person running the show.**

**As your President, I will take the brunt of the criticism and those who talk amongst us will make up stories that channel through, only providing that outside glimpse of what is actually going on and how it got done.**

**I volunteered to direct this group to be successful, check our books, read the stories in the papers, and come to our meetings and events, and you'll see that we are on the right path. Conducting volunteers is not an easy task, there is a learning curve as I transitioned from the business model to the volunteer model, but I think it has its similarities that measure success in the same manner.**

**I'll continue to work with those interested in the betterment of this growing organization, those willing to do the work, and those proud enough to get things done without looking for a pat on the back, and those people who are looking for someone to stand next to them to lend a helping hand.**

**2019 OFFICERS:**  
 President: Brian Tanguay  
 Vice Pres. Vacant  
 Secretary Amy Guthrie  
 Treasurer  
 Curator: Brian Tanguay  
 Historian: Harry Aldrich

**2019 DIRECTORS:**

3 year	2 year	1 year
Amy Guthrie	Thomas Hurd	Darlene LaClair
Open	Eileen Bouvier	Ann Lyons
Open	Jessie Duguay	OPEN

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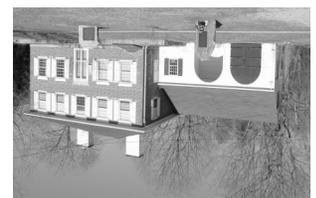
Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist Society)** It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. We have created a "page"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

**July 24th at the building 7pm**

**August 28th at the building 7pm**

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