

# Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

## May 2021

June's membership meeting will be held Tuesday night June 1st  
We will be set up at the Woodbound Inn on Wed June 2nd fundraiser.

Cut out the tickets for your chance to win  
This is our big fundraiser for the year

We will deliver in our area, or plan to help.



### **CORD WOOD RAFFLE**

*Narragansett Historical Society*

Over 3 Cords of split and seasoned wood

All proceeds benefit the Historical Society in Templeton.

\$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

Drawing Date: November 1, 2021

Make Check and Mail to:  
Narragansett Historical Society  
P O Box 354 Templeton MA 01468

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check and Mail to:  
Narragansett Historical Society  
P O Box 354 Templeton MA 01468

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check and Mail to:  
Narragansett Historical Society  
P O Box 354 Templeton MA 01468

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

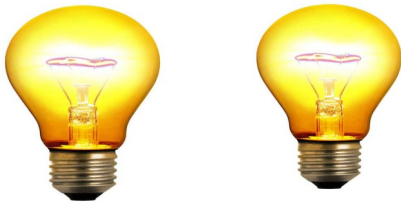
# Silver Level Sponsor

# SCOTTY'S POTTIES



Your business can be shown here  
Or on any page in our newsletter.  
Ask your employer to sponsor The Historical Society

# Event Sponsors



**A special Thank  
you to  
Templeton Light**



## TCTV

Templeton Community TV  
Public | Education | Government

Information & Entertainment for Templeton

Find us on:



TCTV Cable Channel 8



# Save the dates:

**Our shortened event calendar will feature our favorite events with the hopes to have a full calendar next year.**

**Please consider contacting us via email if you are willing to help out with any of these events.**

**June 12th Lucy Stone Tea Party in the garden from 2 to 4:30 Saturday**

**August 15th Kite Festival in Brooks field Baldwinville Rd from 11 to 4 Sun.**

**September 26th Motorpalooza 2021 on the Templeton Common Sunday with  
Music in the gazebo by: Boothill express 12-4**

The Woodbound Inn has offered to support local non profits  
We were selected for June 2 and 9, please consider dining indoors our outside on their new deck. Located on 247 Woodbound Rd, Ringe NH  
Members will be on hand to talk about the Society, the collection, or just share a story about Templeton. Thanks to the Woodbound Inn Team for showing support to many non profits throughout the summer. See you there!  
Clip and save the coupon below:\*\*\*\*\*

Join us June 2nd or June 9th



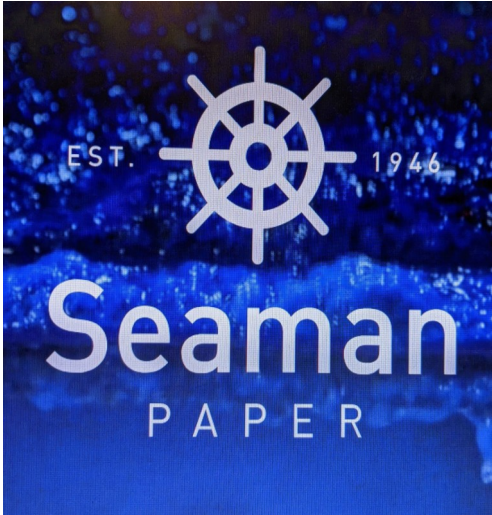
*Thank you from the*

*Narragansett Historical Society  
1 Boynton Rd. Templeton Ma*



*Thank you \* Sponsorship \* Thank you*

# Gold Sponsors 2021



## TANGUAY JEWELERS



**Chair City Oil**  
Full Service Oil Company

*24/7 Emergency Service  
Family Owned  
Premium Heating Oil  
Heating System Design, Installation,  
& Service*

"We treat our customers as warm friends!"



### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Platinum	\$5,000.00	Gold	\$1,000.00	Silver	\$750.00
Bronze	\$500.00	Event	\$250.00		

Lifetime memberships are still only \$100.00 sign up a friend today!

NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS  
A TEA TO



CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF VOTES FOR WOMEN

JUNE 12, 2021 • 2- 4:30 PM

RAIN DATE: JUNE 19, 2021

1 BOYNTON ROAD, TEMPLETON, IN THE BACK GARDEN

\$5 DONATION REQUEST PER ADULT

(CHILDREN UNDER 15 ARE FREE)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY WOMEN OF TEMPLETON'S

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

FUNDED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE

TEMPLETON CULTURAL COUNCIL



*“A moment in time”*

*By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

### SOME TOWN OFFICIALS SINCE 1762

When Templeton was incorporated in 1762, three residents were elected to serve as selectmen. Mr. Jason Whitney, Mr. Joshua Hyde, and Mr. Abner Newton. The following year, 1763, there were three new members, Mr. Nathaniel Holman, Mr. Charles Baker, and Mr. Jonas Wilder.

In 1764, the town changed to a five member board. Mr. John Richardson [who later resigned], Mr. Moses Whitney [who filled the vacancy], Mr. Abel Hunt, and Mr. Baker and Mr. Wilder from the previous year. The town remained with a five member board until 1847 when it changed to a three member board. In 1848 for some unknown reason, there were five members but after that year it remained three members until 1990/91 when the town voted to go a five member board which it still consists of today.

One resident, Mr. Percival Blodgett (pictured right) served for twenty seven years that being the longest that anyone. In the fiscal year 1976/77, Mrs. Gladys Salame was elected becoming the first woman to hold this office in the Town of Templeton. She held this position for twenty years until her passing.

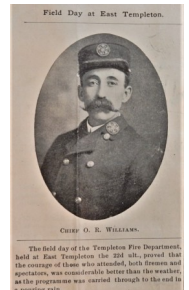


In 1762, the first town Treasurer elected was Mr. Zacchaeus Barrett followed by Mr. Phineas Byam in 1763 who held the position for eight years off and on. In 1876, Mr. Percival Blodgett was elected and held the position until 1895 when Mr. Louis Leland was elected. Mr. Leland kept the position until his passing in 1910. Mr. William P. Hawley was elected to take his place and was in office until 1943 when he was replaced by Mrs. Edith R. Cutting.

The first town clerk elected in 1762 was Mr. Able Hunt followed by Mr. Nathaniel Holman in 1763. Mr. Ebenezer Wright was elected in 1773 and held the office off and on until 1790. Others holding the position for long periods of time were Mr. John Bigelow 1823 to 1834, Mr. Gerard Bushnell [the founder of The Gardner News] from 1854 to 1878, Mr. Charles Parkhurst from 1878 to 1899 and Mr. Carlton A. Fletcher from 1908 to 1922.

In 1923, Mr. Oren R. Williams (pictured right) was elected and served as town clerk until 1949.

He was replaced by Mr. Emil A. Wirkkala who was in office until 1980.



# President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Since joining the Historical Society back in 1990, I've been fortunate to help preserve so many artifacts. From new glass on old picture frames, to fully restoring The E. Howard Tower clock from the Baptist church. Each project is as once in a lifetime opportunity and each one I have done my best to include new members and friends to participate in the project. They all step back in amazement when it's done and thank me for the opportunity to be a part of it.

The Swift Winder made from whale bone was one of my favorites, my daughter in law, Courtney was the one who researched the item, which we found in a hundred pieces, to figure out what it was. After hours on the internet, she found it to be a yarn winder. We began to piece together some of the pieces that were still together and soon realized how it worked and began the task of repairing it. Once all the pieces were together, we found that 3 sections were missing and with no whale bone hanging around and none to be found on the internet, we decided to put it together and wait for the day we find the missing pieces. It now stands on a dresser in the upstairs bedroom.

The stained glass Church window was a great project to move it out of harms way and into the second floor of the Grange hall. Soon to be standing tall once again with a light box behind it, we will see what many have enjoyed during Sunday mass in the Trinitarian Church on Boynton Road as the sun rose in the morning to illuminate this memorial window donated by Moses Richardson in memory of his mother Lucy.

The Civil War frames were such a surprise to find in Ralph Henshaw's barn not too long ago. Once uncovered, I soon realized they were the frames that held the four tablets on display in the carriage shed carved with the names of the Templeton men who fought and died during the Civil War. A plan was created similar to the Church window to cut a hole in the second floor and slide them into the building. Another group of volunteers gathered to make sure they were delivered without any damage. The move was a huge success and they are standing on the stage right now waiting for the room to be finished so we can set them up and install the granite tablets as they were originally displayed in the GAR hall (Memorial Hall) back in 1880.

As I've said, I am the lucky one, being part of so many "once in a lifetime" historic projects. Our next projects include the rebuilding of the original pergola out behind the sunken garden, Finishing up the Grange hall to install the window, the frames, the tower clocks, and the new display cases to show so many artifacts from the Civil War and items from Templeton donated over the past 140 years. It truly is an exciting time to be a part of this phase of our organizations growth. Let me know what interests you, and you'll be sure to get an invite.

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

**2019 DIRECTORS:**  
 3 year Amy Guthrie  
 2 year Thomas Hurd  
 John Chouinard  
 1 year Eileen Bouvier  
 Ann Lyons  
 Open  
 Jessie Duguay  
 OPEN

**TRUSTEES:**  
 Tom Jeleniewski  
 David Huhtala  
 John Brooks  
 Open



**Contact info:**  
 Main email: [nh1924society@gmail.com](mailto:nh1924society@gmail.com)  
 Newsletter Editor: Brian Tanguay

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" 1800 members following  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.**



Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd  
 Templeton MA

**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
*June 1st, Tuesday night,*  
*June 2nd, we'll be at the Woodbound Inn*  
*Tuesday nights we are open from 6-8pm*



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You*

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

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.



Narragansett Historical Society  
 P.O. Box 354  
 Templeton, MA 01468