

# THE SPEAKING TRUMPET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

2020 VOL. 1



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

AS 2019 HAS COME TO AN END, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR'S SUCCESSES AND FAILURES AROUND THE MUSEUM. AS YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MYSELF AND THE MUSEUM. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU, THIS EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT MYSELF PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

OUR BUNNY WAGON PROJECT CONTINUES TO ADVANCE WITH OUR FEARLESS LEADER JOHN GRIFFIN AND HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT PROGRESSED TO WHERE WE EXPECTED, IT TAKES TIME FOR PERFECTION AND JOHN IS ACHIEVING IT. JOHN AND HIS FAMILY HAS SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS IN BUILDING 52 ON SUNDAYS AND SOME WEDNESDAYS WITH FINAL BODY WORK DETAILS BEFORE HE PUTS THE MAXIM RED ON.

THE ENGRAVED BRICKS ARE LOOKING BEAUTIFUL AND IT HAS COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A BRICK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. WE STILL HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF WORK TO DO BY INSTALLING A BENCH AND POTENTIALLY A FIRE HYDRANT AS WELL, STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO.

WE HAVE HAD SOME REALLY FUN, SUCCESSFUL EVENTS LAST YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL PICNIC WITH THE MAFAA IN OCTOBER. THE PICNIC IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE EVENTS, IF YOU HAVEN'T COME BY YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. OUR MOST RECENT EVENT FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM WAS ALSO SUCCESSFUL, WE SAW MORE THAN 100 GUESTS THROUGH THE DOOR IN JUST TWO HOURS, MANY OF WHOM WERE FIRST-TIME VISITORS. OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER THE WEEK BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS AMAZING, EVERYONE BROUGHT SOME REALLY YUMMY DISHES TO SHARE. I ALSO CALL BOTH OF OUR BARN SALE SUCCESSES, AS WE RELY ON THE REVENUE STREAM EVERY YEAR. AND, WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE OUR NEW MEMBER PACKETS AND BROCHURES FOR RECRUITMENT PURPOSES.

OVER THE LAST YEAR A HALF WE HAVE HAD SOME MECHANICAL ISSUES WITH OUR MOTORIZED FLEET. LADDER 1 WENT DOWN WITH A CRACKED DRIVE SHAFT, ENGINE 4 HAS A BLOWN HEAD GASKET AND A STUCK VALVE, AND THE AHRENS-FOX HAD A MAGNETO ISSUE. WE

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## NOTICE

THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED FOR VISITORS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS A MEASURE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH SOCIAL DISTANCING.



*Work on the Bunny Wagon progresses.*

**BOARD MEMBERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

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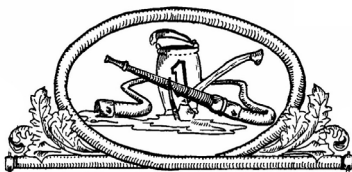
**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**TRACY GAUDET**

**BARN SALE MANAGER**

**VACANT**



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CURRENTLY HAVE A TIMELINE AND A PLAN IN PLACE FOR BOTH REPAIRS. DUE TO AN ATTEMPTED BREAK IN AT BUILDING 52, WE HAD AN ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLED TO PROTECT MUSEUM AND MEMBERS ASSETS. IN MY OPINION OUR COMEDIAN NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER WAS A FAILURE AND I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. UNFORTUNATELY THE MEMBER AND PUBLIC EVENT WAS POORLY ATTENDED AND THE MUSEUM LOST MONEY.

I LOVE HEARING STORIES ABOUT THE EARLIER DAYS ESTABLISHING THE MUSEUM AT CUSHING'S GARAGE AND THEN MOVING INTO BARE COVE PARK DRIVE. IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH THERE WERE PLENTY OF MEMBERS TO GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT. HOWEVER IN LIGHT OF TODAY'S MODERN BUSY LIFESTYLES MEANS LIMITED TIME FOR VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES AFTER WORK AND FAMILY OBLIGATIONS. I AM NERVOUS WE ARE LOSING GROUND IN SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING AND RETAINING NEW MEMBERS WHICH IS NOT DUE TO LACK OF EFFORT. WITH THIS KNOWN TREND AMONG MANY NONPROFITS I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE MUSEUM.

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE YEAR FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK THEY PUT INTO IMPROVING, REPAIRING AND DEVELOPING OUR MUSEUM AND ITS ASSETS. THERE ARE MEMBERS WHO ARE VERY VISIBLE AT THE MUSEUM PUTTING IN HOURS DAY TO DAY THERE ARE ALSO OTHER MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE DISCRETELY. BOTH TYPES OF MEMBERS ARE IMPORTANT TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

IN CLOSING, I WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE MUSEUM FOR A NEW TERM DUE TO THE INCREASINGLY MODERN BUSY LIFESTYLE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. GIVEN MY PERSONALITY I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE COMMITTING TO ANOTHER YEAR OF WORK, WHERE THE TIME COMMITMENT IS HIGHER WITH A LOW ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER I WILL STILL BE A REGULAR, ACTIVE PRODUCING MEMBER OF OUR MUSEUM WHENEVER NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER FILLING POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP US PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE TO CONTINUE TO KEEP PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF FIREFIGHTING.

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**NOTICE**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH AT 7:30 PM. THIS MEETING WILL BE A CONFERENCE CALL AS THE MUSEUM BUILDING IS CLOSED.**

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CONFERENCE ID: 187163

## OCTOBER BARN SALE

The museum hosted our semi-annual Barn Sale fundraiser in October. Our volunteers worked hard to secure the necessary income that keeps the museum running. The next Barn Sale will be in June. Stay tuned for volunteer information for those looking to help out.



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## BRICK PATIO

Our memorial brick patio has been installed. A formal dedication is being planned, but in the mean time, feel free to stop by and check it out. It's also not too late to purchase a brick, if you are still interested.





## BCFM-MAFAA PICNIC

The museum welcomed MAFAA for the third year in a row for a joint BCFM-MAFAA fire truck picnic. Many of our visitors brought their trucks and we even had a special visit from Hingham's new Quint 1.





## CHRISTMAS AT THE FIREHOUS

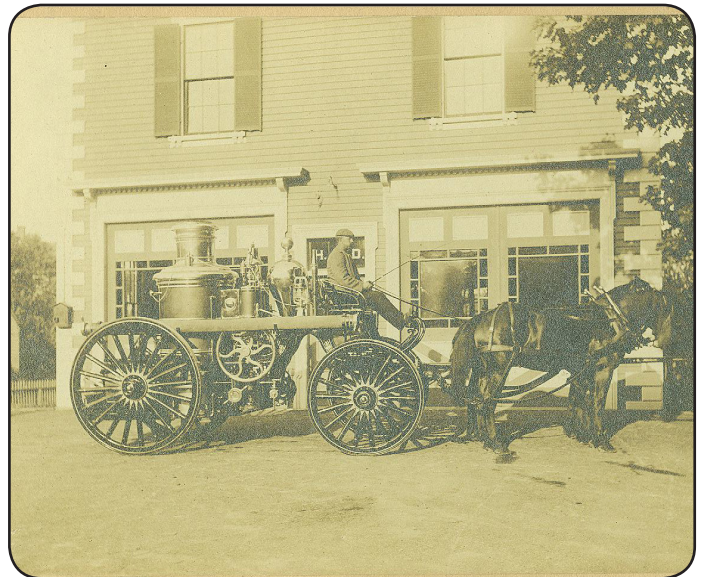
The museum tried something new this holiday season and hosted a public open house Christmas event. We saw about 100 non-members stop in to visit our museum, many of them first time guests. We look forward to a repeat of this event in 2020.





## BOSTON FIRE MUSEUM

The Boston Fire Museum on Congress Street needed to have the two fire engines that were on their display floor removed to have the floors shored up to safely support them. The Bare Cove Fire Museum was contacted in hopes that there would be room to house them for an unknown length of time. The 1926 American LaFrance, Engine 2 is tucked away in the maintenance building and the 1882 Amoskeag Engine 38 also known as Abe Lincoln has been placed in the main display room of the fire museum. When the restriction of the Covid-19 virus is lifted, we look forward to showing off an example of a steam powered (later converted to motorized) fire engine similar to the one in Hingham's past.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Due to current events, Bare Cove Fire Museum events through the end of May are postponed. Events June through the end of the year will be assessed and a determination will be made in the best interest of the museum and its members.

5/6 — BOARD MEETING CONFERENCE CALL

7:30 PM

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6/10 — ANNUAL MEETING (TENTATIVE)

7/4 — HINGHAM PARADE (TENTATIVE)

8/1 — OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE)

9/5 — OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE)

10/6-12 — FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

10/13 — MAFAA PICNIC, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (TENTATIVE)

10/24 — OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE)

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### MEMBERSHIP

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OR RENEWING A MEMBERSHIP?  
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR AN APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM, 45 BARE COVE PARK DRIVE  
HINGHAM, MA 02043, OR PAY ONLINE.

- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35  
 FAMILY MEMBER (NO VOTING PRIVILEGES) \$15  
 LIFETIME MEMBER \$500

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### DONATIONS

THE MUSEUM ALWAYS WELCOMES DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT  
TO HELP WITH OUR DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES AND OUR ONGOING  
PROJECTS. YOU MAY ALSO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE.

- \$25.00       \$50.00  
 \$100.00       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_



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