

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 2024 the Newton Historical Society celebrated the 53rd anniversary of its 1971 founding. The society registered as a 501-C-3 charitable organization two years later. Over the past fifty-three (53) years one hundred and fifty-five (155) people have become Society members. Currently there are fifteen (15) active members in the society.

We held our sixteenth Fall Festival fund raiser. This was the third festival since Covid halted the festival in 2020 and 2021. Though less successful than previous fund raisers, it was successful enough for us to be able to cover the costs to refurbish the seats in our two 150-year-old Hayford horse drawn carriages. In fact, one of the carriages was used this year in the town's 275th anniversary parade.

There is also a 2025 plan to repair the deteriorated exterior walls and two windows in the historic Cobbler Shop located behind the Marshall House Museum. The Cobbler Shop was wrapped in a protective material to secure it until the repairs can be made next spring.

In December the Newton Recreation Committee sponsored their 2nd Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Historical Society's Village Primary School Museum. There was a very good turnout for the event, and there were many Toys for Tots donations made.

The Society Historian responded to a number of research requests throughout the year pertaining to early Newton events, buildings, and residents.

At the December meeting Officers for 2025 were elected. President - David Simpson, - Vice Pres. - Karen O'Malley, Curator – Lindsey Dionne, - Treasurer – Bill Landry. These four (4) officers, plus member John Meserve will serve on the Society Board of Directors.

The town celebrated the 275th anniversary of its founding. The Historical Society participated in the preparation and execution of the many planned events. Two members, Susan Peterson and Stan Duncan, were instrumental in the creation and publication of an historical booklet. The booklets are available to the public for \$15.00. Contact the Society at Newton.nh.historicalsociety@gmail.com.

The Society would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to Newton resident William Gallant who has taken it upon himself for the past several years to keep the lawn at the Primary Schoolhouse Museum mowed.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Newton Historical Society
Board of Directors**