

THE SPEAKING TRUMPET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

JULY 2011



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“THE TIME HAS COME,” THE WALRUS SAID,
“TO TALK OF MANY THINGS:
OF SHOES—AND SHIPS—AND SEALING-WAX—
OF CABBAGES—AND KINGS—
AND WHY THE SEA IS BOILING HOT—
AND WHETHER PIGS HAVE WINGS.”

FROM THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS AND WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE, 1872, BY LEWIS CARROLL

INDEED, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO TALK ABOUT MANY THINGS; NONE OF THEM MENTIONED IN THE LEWIS CARROLL POEM THOUGH. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM, OR MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO THE MUSEUM BUILDING. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS OUR TREASURER AND MANY OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A PROJECT TO HAVE THE ROOF OF BUILDING 112 REPLACED. AFTER A LONG PROCESS OF MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS TOWN OF HINGHAM COMMITTEES, THE TOWN MEETING APPROVED A COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANT OF \$252,000 TO HAVE THE WORK DONE. AFTER TOWN MEETING, A NEW SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH MUSEUM MEMBERS, CONTRACTORS OF DIFFERING TRADES, AND THE HINGHAM TOWN ENGINEER BEGAN AND IN JULY OF THIS YEAR CONSTRUCTION BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND AWARDED TO (1) AN ABATEMENT COMPANY TO REMOVE THE ROOF AND CERTAIN CEILINGS AND (2) TO A GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL THE NEW ROOFING MATERIAL AS SPECIFIED IN THE ENGINEERING DATA. ALSO THERE WILL BE UPGRADING OF THE EXTERIOR NORTHEAST WALL (THE BACK OF THE BUILDING). IT APPEARS THAT SOME OTHER AREAS OF THE BUILDING MAY ALSO BE WORKED ON, AS IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE WORK DONE WITH THE ROOF. THIS PROJECT SHOULD BEGIN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND SHOULD BE DONE BY OCTOBER.

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NEW MEMBERS

THE MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
MATT MCCORMACK AND **BEVERLY RINELLA.**



Courtesy of Geri Duff

**BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTED OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT

DAVE CLARK

VICE PRESIDENT

JACK CRANDALL

PAST PRESIDENT

ROBIN BERNAN

TREASURER

LISA ANDRE

CLERK

GERI DUFF

DIRECTORS

RUSSELL CLARK

GINNY GRAY

JACLYN HOWARD

DONALD LINCOLN

APPOINTED OFFICERS

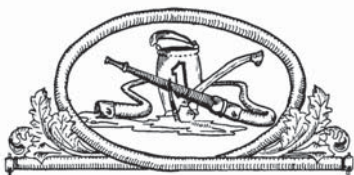
**BUILDING 52 MANAGER
& CURATOR**

BOB STELLA

BARN SALE MANAGER

GERI DUFF

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MUSEUM MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING, PLEASE CHECK WITH A BOARD MEMBER AS THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING CAN VARY. MEETINGS START AT 7:30 PM



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BEGINNING IN THE LAST WEEK OF JULY, THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IS BEING EMPTIED OF MOST OF THE MUSEUM MATERIAL. SOME OF THE BIGGER ITEMS ARE BEING REMOVED AND STORED IN BUILDING 52, WHILE MOST OF THE MATERIAL THAT IS HANGING ON THE WALLS OR THAT IS IN SHOWCASES WILL BE REMOVED, WRAPPED AND PACKED BY MEMBERS, AND STORED BY DALEY & WANZER AT THEIR FACILITY. EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THE STORAGE AND ARCHIVE AREAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR WILL BE REMOVED AS WELL. AT THIS TIME WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING DOWN ALL OR MOST OF THE DROP CEILINGS AND THE INSULATION BATTS THAT ARE ABOVE ONE OF THE CEILINGS. THE NEW, HIGHLY INSULATED ROOF HAS A WHITE INTERIOR FINISH, WHICH MEANS THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER HAVE A NEED OF THIS MATERIAL. WITH THE BUILDING EMPTY, WE NEED TO PAINT AND REDECORATE, INCLUDING PAINTING THE NOW EXPOSED IRON WORK. IDEALLY IT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO INSTALL SOME NEW LIGHTING, IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. THEN, THE JOB OF MOVING BACK INTO THE MUSEUM WILL BEGIN. THIS WORK, MY FRIENDS, (MOVING IN AND OUT AND PAINTING) HAS TO BE DONE BY THE MEMBERSHIP, SO DON'T BE SHY ABOUT OFFERING TO HELP. WE WILL BE HOLDING SOME WORK DAYS AND WORK EVENINGS.

WE HAVE SOME NEW DRIVERS FOR THE APPARATUS, WHICH I AM VERY HAPPY ABOUT. IT HAD BECOME IMPORTANT TO HAVE DRIVERS UNDER THE AGE OF 70 FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, AND NOW WE DO (WAY UNDER). A FEW MORE WOULD BE VERY NICE, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, SEE VICTOR OR MYSELF.

I DIDN'T ACTUALLY KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBERS, BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE HAVE HAD A GOOD AMOUNT OF VISITORS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, IT IS ALWAYS FUN TO TOUR THEM AROUND AND EXPLAIN ABOUT THE DISPLAYS. BY THE TIME YOU ALL GET THE DISPLAYS BACK IN ORDER, THERE SHOULD BE MORE PEOPLE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT IS ON DISPLAY, AND HENCE MORE "TOUR GUIDES". YOU JUST DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS TO BE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE, NOT JUST A FUN EVENT.

OH, AND IF YOU STOP BY ON MOST ANY WEDNESDAY EVENING, YOU MAY ACTUALLY HEAR SOME DISCUSSIONS THAT SOUND VAGUELY SIMILAR TO THE ITEMS IN THE LEWIS CARROLL POEM! "TO TALK OF MANY THINGS," "TO TALK OF MANY THINGS."

**AROUND THE MUSEUM
WORKNIGHT APRIL 20, 2011**



ON A TYPICAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE HAVE A FEW MEMBERS WORKING ON PROJECTS WHILE VISITORS MAY BRING IN A FEW DONATIONS. ONE DONATION WAS A RIBBON FROM A LEAGUE MUSTER IN 1918. (THIS SUGGESTS A FUTURE PROJECT OF CATALOGING ALL THE MUSTER RIBBONS AND FIREFIGHTER'S BALL RIBBONS AND PREPARING A NEW EXHIBIT OF THEM.) ANOTHER DONATION WAS BRIAN MCSWEENEY'S FIRE HELMET WHICH HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE ENGINE #2 COLLECTION.

CUB SCOUT TOUR MAY 4, 2011



Courtesy of Geri Duff

AROUND THE MUSEUM
HINGHAM 4TH OF JULY PARADE



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AROUND THE MUSEUM

DOLLY'S NURSERY SCHOOL TOUR JULY 5, 2011



ROOF UPDATE COOKOUT JULY 24, 2011



**BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 12, 2011**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 PM WITH DAVE CLARK, RUSSELL CLARK, ROBIN BERNAN, LISA ANDRE, JACK CRANDALL AND GERI DUFF.

VICE PRESIDENT JACK CRANDALL REPORTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR THE COMING YEAR AND THAT SECOND NOTICES WILL BE MAILED OUT SHORTLY.

IN THE CURATOR'S CORNER, PRESIDENT DAVE CLARK RECEIVED A VISIT FROM FORMER CALL FIREFIGHTER BRIAN MCSWEENEY WHO DONATED HIS HELMET FROM ENGINE #2. SEVERAL CARTONS OF CHIEF KIMBALL'S PAPERS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE ARCHIVES AND ARE BEING FILED IN CABINETS. PEG CHARLTON MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH GERI DUFF TO REVIEW THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE ARCHIVES. SHE COPIED SEVERAL ONTO A CD TO USE IN UPCOMING ISSUES OF THE HINGHAM JOURNAL. PEG RESEARCHES AND ADDS THE CAPTIONS BEFORE PUBLICATION AND GIVES CREDIT TO THE MUSEUM. KERRY RYAN IS WRITING A HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND WAS GIVEN A FEW ELECTRONIC COPIES OF HORSE DRAWN APPARATUS WITH THE CHURCH IN THE BACKGROUND.

THE HINGHAM COUNCIL ON AGING HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A TOUR OF THE MUSEUM ON APRIL 22. DAVE CLARK AND GERI DUFF WILL STAFF.

THE MASS FIRE ACADEMY, STOW, MA, HAS REQUESTED THE AHRENS-FOX TO BE PART OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE ACADEMY ON JUNE 11TH. IT MAY BE REMEMBERED THAT WE WERE ONE OF THE VERY FEW ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED TO THE ORIGINAL DEDICATION 20 YEARS AGO. DETAILS WILL BE DISCUSSED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THE HINGHAM GIRL SCOUTS WERE OFFERED A CHANCE TO HOLD THEIR OWN "FIREWOOD DERBY" AT THE MUSEUM. WHEN THEY MEET IN SEPTEMBER THEY WILL DISCUSS IT THEN.

THE BOARD VOTED TO DONATE TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN HULL IN MEMORY OF SUSAN FLECK.

**BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 10, 2011**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 PM WITH LISA ANDRE, ROBIN BERNAN, DAVE CLARK, RUSSELL CLARK, JACK CRANDALL, GERI DUFF, JACLYN HOWARD AND DON LINCOLN IN ATTENDANCE.

VICE PRESIDENT JACK CRANDALL REPORTED THERE ARE STILL 16 UNPAID MEMBERS THAT HE WILL BE PURSUING. MATT MCCORMACK OF ROCKLAND HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP. HE WAS VOTED IN AND ADDED TO THE ROSTER OF PAID MEMBERS.

IN THE CURATOR'S CORNER, WILLIAM PRATT OF BROCKTON DONATED A HINGHAM V.F.A. RIBBON THIS MONTH. AFTER CATALOGING IT IN THE SYSTEM, IT WILL BE MADE PART OF THE ARCHIVE COLLECTION. THE MORE WORK THAT IS DONE WITH THE COLLECTION, THE MORE WORK THERE IS TO BE DONE. VARIOUS OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED ABOUT SETTING A BUDGET FOR ARCHIVE MAINTENANCE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE GRANT MONEY FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OR OTHER SOURCES.

PRESIDENT DAVE CLARK REPORTS HE MET WITH HINGHAM TOWN ENGINEER AND IT APPEARS THAT THE ROOF MAY COME OFF AFTER JULY 4TH FOR THE SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FIRE BELL IN THE CUPOLA OF THE HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS BEING REMOVED AND PLACED ON THE MUSEUM PREMISES. AT SUCH TIME AS A VALID PLAN IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD DETAILING THE REMOVAL AND PLACEMENT OF THE BELL IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL REMAIN WHERE IT IS.

THE BOARD IS SUPPORTING SUNDAY OPENINGS ON JUNE 26, JULY 24, AUG 28, SEPT. 25, AND OCT. 23. ALL FROM 1 – 4 PM. SATURDAYS, JUNE 4TH, JUNE 25, OCT. 1, AND OCT 22, THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN AS WELL.

TREASURER LISA ANDRE, AS LIAISON TO HINGHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REPORTED THAT THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN INVITED TO HOLD ONE OF THEIR BOARD MEETINGS AT THE BCFM AFTER THE ROOF WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

JACLYN HOWARD REPORTED FROM THE TEE SHIRT COMMITTEE THAT SHE HAS DISCOVERED AN ONLINE SERVICE WHICH WOULD BEST SUIT OUR NEEDS AT ZAZZLE.COM. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS.

BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 8, 2011

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1930 HOURS BY PRESIDENT DAVID CLARK WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AS REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS AND ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. AFTER WELCOMING EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE, PRESIDENT CLARK ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT BEVERLY RINELLA AS A NEW MEMBER.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2010 MEETING.

VOTED: THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FY 2010 WAS READ AND ACCEPTED.

VOTED: THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP AS READ BY PRESIDENT CLARK WAS ACCEPTED.

FOR THE CURATOR IT WAS REPORTED BY GERI DUFF THAT THE BCFM RECEIVED TEN 8X10 GLASS NEGATIVES FROM DICK KENNEY; A FOUR VOLUME SET OF THE HISTORY OF HINGHAM FROM FIRE CAPT. MIKE CROWLEY; ANNE TOLMAN'S FIREHOUSE NOTEBOOK FROM CARL ACHILLE; A COLLECTION OF FIRE BOOKS, TOYS, AND MEMORABILIA, INCLUDING A CAST IRON HOSE REEL FROM CHARLES AND NANCY CURRAN OF SCITUATE; TWO CAST IRON FIRE TRUCKS FROM BOB EAGAN OF BRADLEY WOODS; PLUS PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MANY INDIVIDUALS.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO ROBIN, SHAWN, AND VICTOR BERNAN.

CHIEF MARK DUFF PRESENTED LT. VICTOR BERNAN (RET.) WITH A POLO SHIRT EMBROIDERED WITH THE MALTESE CROSS AND "C-100" TO RECOGNIZE HIS WORK AS HINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT "AIDE TO THE CHIEF."

MECHANICAL STATUS REPORT WAS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT CLARK:



ENGINE #3—PROJECT LEADER ANDY ADDOMS—THE REAR FENDERS, BACK STEP, AND SIDE RUNNING BOARDS ARE THE NEXT PORTION OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE FRONT SECTION OF THE RADIATOR IS TO BE PICKED UP FROM THOMAS AUTO BODY. SOUTH SHORE PLATING HAS FINISHED ALL WORK BUT 4 HANDLES. THOSE WILL BE REPLACED WITH STAINLESS STEEL. HERB FULTON WILL BE ADDING HIS EXPERTISE TO THE PROJECT. THE PROGRESS MAY BE FOLLOWED ON THE WHITEBOARD OVER THE WORKBENCH.

ENGINE #1—PROJECT LEADER HANK THORNTON—THE ENGINE HAS BEEN TAKEN APART AND PUT BACK TOGETHER, ALL IT NEEDS ARE FLUIDS.

ENGINE #2—THE CARBURETOR AND THE MECHANICAL FUEL PUMP WERE REBUILT.

LADDER #1 AND ENGINE #1 ARE ROAD READY.

WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR OUR TRUCKS TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRE-ORIENTED EVENTS. LACKING DRIVERS AND IN SOME CASES FLATBED TRANSPORTATION, WE WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS FROM THE MASS. FIRE ACADEMY, THE BALTIMORE FIRE MUSEUM, AND OTHERS. DAVE CLARK AND JACK CRANDALL WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE AHRENS FOX DISPLAY AT THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM AND BROUGHT BACK INFORMATION TO IMPROVE THE RUNNING OF ENGINE #2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUINCY FLAG DAY PARADE. THERE IS A STIPEND OF \$300 FOR GAS FROM THE PARADE COMMITTEE. THE HINGHAM 4TH OF JULY PARADE NEEDS DRIVERS AND RIDERS. DAVE CLARK IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS.

GERI DUFF REPORTED THAT THE SPRING BARN SALE PROFIT IS \$1,211.50. THIRTEEN VOLUNTEERS PUT IN A COMBINED 78 HOURS OF WORK TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1-4. THIS WILL BE ADVERTISED AS A TIME MEMBERS CAN SIT AND VISIT, WORK ON PROJECTS, AND BRING IN VISITORS FOR A DAY TIME TOUR.

THANK YOU TO TRACY DUFF FOR PRODUCING THE NEWSLETTER. TRACY EMAILS 300 AND MAELS 25 FOR THE PAID MEMBERS THAT DO NOT HAVE EMAIL. WE RECEIVE ACCOLADES FROM ALL OVER. CHIEF DUFF HAS OTHER FIRE CHIEFS COMPLIMENTING HIM ON THE NEWSLETTER. BUT WE NEED MEMBERS TO WRITE PIECES FOR IT. A PARAGRAPH OR MORE OF SOMETHING RELATED TO WHAT WE DO OR NEED TO DO WOULD BE GREAT.

LISA ANDRE REPORTED THAT THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AS VOTED ON BY HINGHAM TOWN MEETING IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. ROGER FERNANDES HAS TAKEN OVER THE PROJECT WITH THE BLESSING OF THE TOWN AND THE BCFM BOARD. THE PROJECT HAS GONE OUT TO BID AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MID-AUGUST START.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PLACED IN NOMINATION: PRESIDENT: DAVE CLARK, VICE PRESIDENT: JACK CRANDALL, PAST PRESIDENT: ROBIN BERNAN, TREASURER: LISA ANDRE, CLERK: GERI DUFF, DIRECTOR AT LARGE: RUSSELL CLARK. FROM THE FLOOR GINNY GRAY WAS NOMINATED AS DIRECTOR AT LARGE. ALL WERE VOTED IN. JACLYN HOWARD AND DONALD LINCOLN HAVE TERMS ENDING IN 2012.

VOTED: TO PLACE AN AD IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S VINTAGE BASEBALL PROGRAM FOR \$50. LISA ANDRE OFFERED TO MATCH THE \$50 AND WILL ARRANGE TO PLACE A \$100 AD.

MEMBERSHIP

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OR RENEWING A MEMBERSHIP?
PLEASE SEE OUR WEB SITE FOR AN APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM, PO BOX 262, HINGHAM, MA 02043.

- MEMBERSHIP \$35
- FAMILY MEMBER (NO VOTING PRIVILEGES) \$15
- LIFETIME MEMBER \$500 (MAY BE PAID \$100/YEAR OVER 5 YEARS)

DONATIONS

THE MUSEUM ALWAYS WELCOMES DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT TO HELP WITH OUR DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES, ALONG WITH OUR ONGOING PROJECTS.

- \$25.00 \$50.00
- \$100.00 OTHER _____



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