

Northborough Historical Society Annual Report



2025 ~ 2026

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MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

May 16, 2025

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Mike Duchesneau, immediately following the regular meeting. There were 35 members in attendance.

Minutes from the May 17, 2024 Annual Meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer Nadine Proctor went through the financial narrative that should have been included in the Annual Report.

Hilary Wilson explained the need to change the by-laws in order to accommodate changes to the Society building rental policy. Mike referred those present to the text of the by-law changes in the Annual Report. A motion was proposed by Jean Langley, and seconded, that the by-law changes be accepted as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike referred those present to the list of nominations for officers, board members and committee members published in the Annual Report. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was proposed and seconded that the secretary cast a single ballot for the slate of nominees. The motion carried unanimously.

Hilary Wilson announced that the Board would like to award honorary membership to Brian Smith. Ernie Racine spoke in praise of Brian's outstanding service to the Society, thus justifying the award. A motion was proposed by Ernie, and seconded, that Brian be awarded honorary membership. The motion passed unanimously. Brian was not present and will receive his certificate at a later date.

Honorary Member certificates were then presented to some of those who had been awarded honorary membership during times of COVID when meetings were held online.

Norm Corbin

Jane Fletcher

Forest Lyford

Ernie Racine

Carolyn Squillante

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Proposed by-law amendment to be voted on by the members
at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 15, 2026.**

By law regarding welcoming new members

This change is to bring the by-law into compliance with current procedures

Current

**ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, NEWSLETTER EDITOR,
OTHER PERSONNEL, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 1

A. President

4. *Shall send a letter welcoming a new member to the activities of the Society, and enclosing a copy of the Bylaws and any other orientation material.*

Proposed

D. Membership Secretary

7. Shall welcome new members and guide them to resources for more Society information.

By law regarding approval of expenditures

This change is to increase the amount of an expenditure that can be made without the approval of the full membership, and give the Board the authority to approve expenditures up to that amount

Current under Finance Committee

**ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, NEWSLETTER EDITOR,
OTHER PERSONNEL, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 6. Standing Committees

H. Finance

The Finance Committee shall:

- d. Review any requests for expenditure of funds in excess of \$500, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the worthiness of the expenditure.*
- e. Ensure that any request for large expenditure of funds, approved by the Board under 2.d. above, is presented to the membership for their approval/disapproval.*

Current Under Treasurer

**ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, NEWSLETTER EDITOR,
OTHER PERSONNEL, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 1

E. Treasurer

1. Shall receive, hold and pay out all the Society monies subject to the order of the Society Board of Directors.

Proposed

1. Shall receive, hold and pay out all the Society monies subject to the order of the Society Board of Directors. Expenditures over \$1000 must be referred to the Board for approval. Expenditures over \$2000 must be presented to the membership for approval. Budgeted expenditures and emergency expenditures are excluded from this provision.
2. Shall ensure that any request for expenditure of more than \$2000, approved by the Board under E. 1 above, is presented to the membership for their approval/disapproval.

Text in italics to be deleted.

Submitted by the Legislative Committee: Jean Langley ▪ Hilary Wilson

Nominating Committee Report April 2026

Underlined names are submitted to be voted on at the May 15, 2025 Annual Meeting

Position	Person	Term Expires
President	<u>Ken Bennett</u>	2027
Vice President	<u>Rob Van Buren</u>	2027
Directors	Janice Ferenchick	2027
	Mike Duchesneau	2027
	Chuck Liljestrand	2028
	Mark Bashour	2028
	<u>Rick Ferenchick</u>	2029
	<u>Jack Bakstran</u>	2029
Treasurer	Nadine Proctor	2027
Membership Secretary	Jean Langley	2027
Recording Secretary	Hilary Wilson	2027
Museum Trustees	Jane Fletcher	2027
	Kathy Pierce	2027
	Lynne Derosier	2028
	Allyn Phelps Jr	2028
	<u>Linda Corbin</u>	2029
	<u>Rhonda VanBuren</u>	2029
Publicity	Zenya Molnar	2027
	Alex Molnar	2027
	Laura Ziton	2028
Hospitality	Marcia Parsneau	2027
	Carolyn Squillante	2028
	<u>Ingrid Molnar</u>	2029
Program	Suzanne Williams	2027
	Arlene Marshall	2028
	<u>Marcia Mills</u>	2029
Property	Rob Van Buren	2027
	Peter Stone	2027
	<u>Open</u>	2029
Kitchen	Marcia Mills	2027
	Debra Bennett	2028
	<u>Rebecca Shaw</u>	2029
Legislative	Hilary Wilson	2027
	Michael Mills	2028
	<u>Carol Bostock</u>	2029
Nominating	Mike Duchesneau	2027
	<u>Ellen Racine</u>	2027
	<u>Lois Smith</u>	2027
Ways and Means	Marie Spence	2027
	John Northgraves	2027
	Mark Bashour	2028

*Submitted by the
Nominating Committee
Mike Duchesneau
Ernie Racine
Rhonda Van Buren*

President's Report 2025 - 2026

This has been one very interesting year for the Society with many of us actually going out to vote recently on topics that concern us, mainly on window restoration and White Cliffs. We need to give a big thank you to Paul, Chuck, Bob and Mike for all the effort and time they put into the window project. Also, a big thank you to Mike for resolving a major problem we had with our accounting situation.

A group of us are involved with the Northborough Revolution 250 Committee, with Norm as chair and Lois as vice chair. One of the more interesting events from this committee was the reenactment of Lafayette's 1825 tour of the United States passing through Northborough. He arrived blaring the siren of the old fire engine which was driven by Peter Stone.

Thank you to all who helped out with Applefest, which Deb and I missed because we had covid. My son arranged for the three of us to give candy out at the Senior Center for the Halloween Trunk or Treat, where we had the Historical Society banner draped over the car. Besides candy, we handed out 25 NHS program flyers and about 100 history of Northborough bookmarks.

For the last two years Janice has organized the tour of the museum by the 2nd grade classes of the Zeh School, who walked over from Howard Street. There were about 50 children each time. She will be giving the tour again this spring for the Zeh School. Thank you to all those who have helped her in these important events.

I want to give special thanks to Zenya and Alexandra Molnar for being on my case to not only email the topics to be discussed for the board meetings, but also to set time limits on each topic. This was helpful for organizing meetings and made the meetings to run more smoothly.

When I was the Vice President in 2019, we had a website that wasn't being updated, and nobody was managing it. Now I am amazed how well it performs with its connection to our NHS Face Book page, and with Revolution 250. Thank you, Geoff Wilson for your dedication in giving us a great website. Also, a special thank you to Hilary Wilson for her continued well-structured and informative Hourglass newsletters.

Bob Van Buren has been a very valuable person on the Property Committee and serving as Vice President as well. Even though he has commitments on Friday evenings, one area that he has dedicated himself to is making sure that the presenter of each Friday program is contacted and that their presentation is going to work with our projector and computer. He saved the day at our April program meeting when Nadine was having trouble getting the presentation to show on the screen and called Bob who helped solve the problem over the phone.

A big thank you to the entire Board of Directors for helping make the pizza party a huge success. Again, special thanks to Bob for organizing it and doing a big chunk of the work.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Bennett, President

Recording Secretary's Report 2025 - 2026

The Board of Directors met the second Tuesday of every month starting in September 2024. They do not meet in December. The meeting in February was held on Zoom due to snow.

The minutes and reports from the Treasurer, Board of Trustees, and various committees were sent in advance by e-mail, so that the Directors could spend their meeting time on discussions. Each person still had a place on the agenda so that they could make updates to their reports or take questions.

Membership meetings took place every month on the fourth Friday of the month, except for the meeting for November / December, which is held on the first Friday evening in December, and the May meeting which is held early to avoid Memorial Day weekend.

The minutes, Treasurer's Report, Trustees Report, Curator's Report, Historian's Report, and committee reports were read. Each meeting was followed by a program

Main topics of discussion and motions were as follows:

- The Annual Appeal

- Windows repair / restoration and CPA funding

- Snow plowing

- Tax filings

- Fundraising ideas including raffles, selling Society merchandise and holding suppers

- By-law changes

- Organ tuning and organ recitals

- Improving technology use at programs

- White Cliffs and whether the Society should take on responsibility for monitoring the preservation restriction if and when the property is leased / sold.

- Whether the Board should be bonded

- The pizza party and raffles

- School groups visiting the Museum

My thanks to Jean Langley for filling in for me during my medical absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Wilson, Recording Secretary

Membership Secretary's Report 2025 - 2026

As of the end of April 2026, we had 139 members. Of these, 33 are Life Members, and 14 are (living) Honorary Members. We welcome the 11 new members who have joined us this year!

Our membership categories are:

Single \$30

Student/Senior \$25

Family \$55

Lifetime \$500

All dues are **per person**, except for the Family Membership, which includes **two** adults and their **children aged 18 and under**.

Seniors are defined as being over 65.

Membership dues are payable in **September** of each year.

The Society runs on a very tight budget; therefore, we appreciate consistent payment of membership dues. The Society newsletter, The Hourglass, has a box that states: "If there is a red dot in this box, it is time to renew your membership." I send out periodic reminders by e-mail. If you are in doubt about your membership status, either ask at one of our monthly (September – May) Friday night meetings, or send an e-mail to:

MembershipSecretary@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org

We also encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join the Society, and to come with you to one of our programs or other activities.

Respectfully submitted

Jean M. Langley, Membership Secretary

Kitchen Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

The Kitchen Committee has been meeting once a month, spending approximately 2 hours cleaning the refrigerator, the microwave, cooktops, sinks, washing floors and sanitizing kitchen surfaces. The remaining cleaning is done, as needed, according to the Kitchen Checklist.

The Committee will continue to meet over the summer due to building usage during those months. As of this date, the kitchen is ready for use as scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Fletcher, Marcia Mills, Deb Bennett.

Kitchen Committee

Museum Trustees Report 2025 - 2026

The society bylaws state that the Board of Museum Trustees shall oversee maintenance, acceptance and use of the collection as well as the care, use and maintenance of the museum. As part of those duties, the six-member board spent much time this past year reviewing and revising the “acceptance” part of its role.

With the society being 120 years old and having amassed a collection of 7,400 artifacts, the board took a careful look at the criteria for accepting more items and for removing certain others from our limited storage space. The goal is to ensure that accepted items relate to town history and to avoid becoming the “town attic”. Much progress toward that end was made and discussions on accessioning and deaccessioning are continuing.

The museum continues to be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays and occasional Saturdays in spring and fall and it is this board’s responsibility to line up hosts for the openings. We extend deep gratitude to our current board secretary, Carol Bostock, for her diligent effort in this regard. It is not an easy task and more hosts are always needed and welcome. Those who stepped forward this past year were Cindy and Dick Atwood, Mark Bashour, Ken Bennett, Carol Bostock, Mitch Cohen, Norm and Linda Corbin, Paul and Lynne Desrosier, Jane Fletcher, Lana Ingerslev, Valerie Kennedy, Jean Langley, Diane and Forest Lyford, Ingrid Molnar, Alex Molnar, Zenya Molnar, Marcia Parsneau, Allyn Phelps, Kathy Pierce, Ellen Racine, Diane Rollins, Rebecca Shaw, Carolyn Squillante, Jo-Ann Sullivan and Marie and Joe Wyman.

While attendance at the weekly openings can be sparse, Applefest weekend in September always draws a sizeable crowd. In 2025, 124 visitors on Saturday and 55 on Sunday kept our volunteer guides very busy. Also expected to attract an appreciative audience is the coming June 27th concert on our 1874 George Stevens pipe organ. The organ has been tuned and is ready for the show. Kudos to curator Ellen Racine for securing our guest organist Gavin Klein.

The museum archive, a treasure trove of town records, genealogical files and photos and more, can also be a bustling place. Open for drop-in on Wednesday afternoons and by appointment, it draws serious researchers as well as just-plain curious folks looking for records of Northborough ancestors or photos of their homes and other town locations. Museum Curator Ellen Racine and Historian Norm Corbin spend countless hours in the archive assisting visitors, researching queries and tending to other duties of their demanding roles. Many, many thanks for their efforts and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Fletcher and Kathy Pierce, co-chairpersons, and Trustees Carol Bostock, Linda Corbin, Lynne Derosier, and Allyn Phelps Jr.

Curator's Annual Report: 2025 – 2026

This past year has been as busy as ever. The Trustees worked together in writing a new Accession Policy, prompted by an inquiry from the Westborough Historical Society in writing theirs. Our biggest problem is the lack of storage space. Our Collection needs occasional reviewing as many items have not seen the light of day in a century and are not useful for telling our story.

We have been delighted to have an Algonquin High School senior working with us through their intern program. Alex Varnes has been quickly and accurately entering accessions from 1906+ into the computer. There is now just a gap from 1921 to 2017. Alex also curated a display in the meeting hall with our camera collection to coincide with the program on Thomas Blair by Zenya Molnar. Now Alex is writing an article on the Milo Hildreth & Co., manufacturers of Tortoise shell combs and jewelry.

With the help of four Algonquin students last fall, we installed a new showcase exhibit in the foyer with items depicting Northborough's 250th Anniversary. Other students helped in the museum and in videos.

Other projects completed involved entering all the information from our Donor index card file into the computer. Lois Smith has also assisted with updating lists of framed photos, paintings, etc. (approx. 300) stored in the archive. We have photographed each item for easy identification.

We are all grateful to Alex and Zenya Molnar for spreading our history through the Boroughs by writing for the Community Advocate. Other volunteers of note are Diane Rollins, Jo-Ann Sullivan, Lynne Derosier, Carolyn Squillante, Carol Bostock, Kathy Pierce, Jane Fletcher and of course our historian, Norm Corbin.

Ann Fidrych requested temporary return of Mark Fidrych's uniform so it can be exhibited in the Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y. It is the 50th Anniversary of the 1976 Rookie of the Year award to Mark Fidrych.

Gavin Klein is lined up for an organ concert on Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. Gavin has been an organ scholar at Holy Cross and is now going to Yale University in the fall for continued studies.

The vintage windows in our building are slated to be restored. This is wonderful news. Thanks to Mike Duchesneau and Paul Derosier for securing the CPA funding for the project. Our Museum is still faced with ongoing problems: the lack of storage space, leaking chimneys in the museum, and deteriorating ceiling plaster in the back stair hallway.

Interesting Accessions:

Town Clerk's office donated the Howard Street cemetery plot plan, 1851.

Les Malecki donated 30 beautiful Colonial reproduction outfits and accessories for our use.

Cindy Fawcett donated documents, diaries, farm journal and photos of the Fawcett farm.

Priscilla Hutchins donated her grandmother's lovely dark green two-piece dress, 1890s.

Diane Gross, donated a large black lace shawl from 1918.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Racine, Curator

Historian's Annual Report 2025 - 2026

This past year has been very exciting and extremely busy. Along with the routine Historian responsibilities of answering inquiries and preparing the Hourglass articles, this time period included commemorating the county's 250th anniversary of its founding and involvement with the redevelopment of White Cliffs. In addition, our own home at 35 Whitney Street was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Inquiries - As usual, there was a broad spectrum of inquiries. Family members contacted us looking for information about the Eager, Goodenow and Harrington families. These inquiries came from as far away as Austin, Texas and Alberta Canada. Other local inquiries included information about the old Steak Loft Restaurant, White Cliffs stone walls, St. Rose of Lima history and WWI casualties. An interesting find was that Northborough's Minuteman Levi Gaschet's powder horn is on display at the National Museum of the United States Army, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Writing - Hourglass article topics included: how the Baby Boomer population changed Northborough from a farming community into a bedroom community; Loyalists in Northborough; tips for investigating colonial genealogy; and the successes of using Historic Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for preservation and restoration projects in Northborough.

Articles were written for the local Community Advocate newspaper. They included an update on the Northborough Revolution Committee's event plans, the new historic marker about the old Westborough State Hospital farming community, and Native American use of the lands, and the White Cliffs property as an event center since the 1940's.

Presentations - The Programs Committee selected the programs for the 2026-2027 season. . They will include a range of topics from Revolutionary War themes to Train Travel to Northborough's home-grown National Football League (NFL) Coach. There were several requests for me to present programs outside of the Historical Society. They included: White Cliffs Programs at the Shrewsbury Men's Club and at Salmon Health & Retirement Community, and REV250 Programs at the Peaslee School 5th grade class, for the Northborough Garden Club, and at the Senior Center

REV250 - This has been a very busy year for commemorating Northborough's role in the Revolutionary War. In June, we had a visit by a General Lafayette reenactor commemorating the 200th year of his tour of the United States, which included travels through Northborough. Twenty-eight Witness Houses were identified with lawn signs and a brochure was made available describing the properties and containing a map on their locations. Witness houses are homes that "Witnessed" the Revolutionary War and are still standing. A photographic display of the houses was shown at different locations around town. The REV250 Committee participated in Applefest events, the summer park concert series, the Williams Tavern event in Marlborough, and the Henry Knox event in Worcester. We were very fortunate and grateful for the town's funding of male colonial clothing, a Revolutionary War memorial to be installed sometime in 2026, and REV250 events such as the Colonial Concert and Colonial Faire.

White Cliffs - The town had a promising response to their recent Request for Proposal regarding the White Cliffs Property. The firm Elegant Banquets proposed updating the property to bring it back into a high-end event venue. They plan to restore the mansion back to its original late 1880's design and replace the current 1st floor bar area and event space with new construction. They anticipate investing some \$10million into the property. The plan is to initially lease the property from the town and then purchase it at a later date. The April 27th town meeting voted (by 96% approval!!) to move forward with this proposal. Several members of the Elegant Banquets team visited the archives to collect information for listing the property in the National Register of Historic Places and to look at high resolution images of the original structure for architectural details. The Historian participated in two Open Houses on the property. The Society has been approached to hold the Preservation Restriction on the property. A Preservation Restriction requires an organization to monitor the property to make sure any alterations to the building are appropriate in keeping with the historical architecture. A subcommittee of Society members including several Board of Directors members has been meeting with a lawyer and a representative from RYAN-LLC to understand what our responsibilities would be. In addition, we are investigating any associated costs to us and possible funding sources to support us.

Students - This year we have been successful in recruiting Algonquin student volunteers. They are looking for volunteering credits to graduate. Students have participated in cleaning the museum, acting as museum docents, helping out at several REV250 events, and working with Ellen in the archives.

Respectfully submitted

Normand Corbin, Historian

Property Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

This year has been a very busy year. Through the summer and into the fall, Mike Duchesneau, Chuck Liljestrand, Bob VanBuren, Peter Stone and I had contacted three companies that specialize in antique window restoration in anticipation of applying to the Community Preservation Committee for CPA funding for the restoration of the windows in our building. We had a deadline of November 1 2025 to submit our proposal. At that time we had only received one bid, from a company called Cleary and Sons out of Waltham, MA. We interviewed the Principals of the company and felt that we could support their bid. At that time we were looking at a bid , with contingency of 10%, of \$332,256.00. At our meeting with the C.P.C., they were in support of our project, but were hesitant to fund us with only one bid. We were told to go back and try to get more bids, even though the deadline had passed. Mike found three other companies, contacted them, and we received three new bids, all lower than the first bid. We interviewed people from all three companies and determined that one was far superior and a better fit for our project. We chose New Outlook Historic Window Restoration out of Swansea, MA. Mike and I went before the C.P.C. again in January and were approved for the project at a cost with contingency of \$212.760. At this time, we have been approved by the C.P.C., the Appropriations Committee and the Select Board. Our last hurdle is the Town Meeting on April 27 2026. If we are approved, we anticipate work to begin shortly after July 1 2026.

We also had a lot to deal with for snow plowing. Our last contractor was not going to be able to service us this year. We began a search for a plow contractor late, making numerous calls with little response. The first few storms, which were minor in nature, either Chuck or I shoveled the lot by hand. We were finally able to contract with JHI , and just in time. It then began to snow, a lot, and didn't let up. We were adamant that any contractor we hired had adequate insurance to protect both himself and the Society. We made it through the winter, but at great cost. In the coming year we will need to be more proactive in either retaining JHI, or finding a replacement.

In the fall, we prepared for our annual Certificate of Occupancy. What once used to be a one and done Certificate, is now an every year inspection. And what was once free, had increased to \$40.00/year, and as of January 1 2026 will now be \$100.00. Also new rules state that tests for the sprinkler system, fire extinguishers and alarm systems must all be written reports from the inspecting company, and provided along with a check before the inspection can happen.

We also drained the sprinkler system condensate drains to prevent freezing in the winter, and repaired/replaced door locks on the two main entrance doors for the Society.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Derosier, Peter Stone, Bob Van Buren, Chuck Liljestrand

Property Committee

Publicity Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

- Volunteers posted program flyers produced by the Membership team throughout town and beyond to advertise Northborough Historical Society events and monthly programs.
- Timely reminders about programs continue to be sent to the Northborough Historical Society email list.
- 510 brochures produced by the Membership team were distributed at meetings and events such as Applefest and Northborough REV250 gatherings. Brochures are always displayed in the Historical Society building for anyone attending non-Society events to take. In addition to membership information, the brochure contains details about the Museum, Archives, and monthly programs. QR codes are on display in the building and at events to be scanned to download the brochure.
- Word of mouth, email, text, and social media are powerful tools for publicity. We welcome members to share flyers and information with friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested in a particular program or event.
- Ken Bennett posted about programs, events, and other pertinent Historical Society information to the Northborough Historical Society Facebook page.
- Program and event information has been kept up to date on our website, including the Northborough Revolution 250 pages. The REV250 pages have brought increased traffic to our website, with more visitors also browsing Society information. The website has also been upgraded to work better with phones.
- The committee and the board advertised through various channels the spring pizza party fundraiser to raise money for the Society and build community and awareness.
- The Publicity Committee looks forward to continue expanding our advertising efforts to further broadcasting about our programs and the work the Northborough Historical Society is doing to preserve the history and culture of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Molnar, Zenya Molnar, Hilary Wilson, and Laura Ziton

Hospitality Committee Report 2025 - 2026

Refreshments were served at every Friday meeting. Our thanks to all those who contributed baked goods for the table. It is good to see so many people staying after the program and socializing.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Squillante and Marcia Parsneau, Hospitality Committee

Program Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

Our programs this year covered a wide range of subjects covering Northborough and the rest of the United States. Several of the programs were related to the American Revolution, in keeping with the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country.

We started the year hearing of illnesses of American presidents while in office.

Revolution related topics were Ben Franklin, Henry Knox and his transport of cannon which passed through Northborough, revolutionary war printer, and founder of the American Antiquarian Society Isaiah Thomas, and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

There were two programs with a Northborough connection - camera maker Thomas Blair, and Juniper Hill Golf Course.

We finished the year with another local program , the Nashua River valley before the building of Wachusett Reservoir.

All program were well attended, and we thank our members for their support.

Respectfully submitted

*Suzanne Williams, Arlene Marshall, and Norm Corbin, assisted by Ingrid Molnar
Program Committee*

Finance Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

We convened our Finance Committee on March 23th with contributions from Mike Duchesneau, Ernie Racine, Nadine Proctor, and myself, Bob Van Buren. Our analysis of our monthly net profit indicated a seasonal fluctuation which follows from our reduced activities in the summer months. Our concern is that we need to create a larger buffer with increased revenue from a series of events with participation from the public.

One such event would be an organ concert featuring our beautiful pipe organ. At this time such an event is planned for the month of June. Smaller events, like our Spring pizza party, scheduled for May 6th, will help, but we should consider a series of similar gatherings to bring in new people who might be interested in becoming members. Our annual appeal to our members via email also helps to create revenue to support the organization.

Our projections for next year's expenses will be targeted at a growth rate of 3% with the exception of heating oil and snow plowing. These last two items grew significantly this past year with the onset of an unrelenting winter starting in January. Ernie's expertise in this area, combined with the accounting system introduced by Mike and Nadine, have set us on the right course for the future.

Mike and Nadine did a wonderful job preparing and submitting our taxes for 2025. They deserve a tremendous thank you for preparing us for a smooth transition into this year's efforts. We are currently exploring options regarding professional tax preparation vs. in house work.

Lastly, we thought that adding some colorful, visual aids on days or evenings when events were in process at the NHS building would help attract attention to passersby. We are looking into possible items like teardrop banners or items that can be placed as needed and then removed after an event.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Van Buren, Mike Duchesneau, Ernie Racine, Nadine Proctor

Profit and Loss
May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026
Checking Account

INCOME:	
Cash Box Return	\$600.00
Dues	\$2,648.91
Donations – Total	\$9,346.43
Museum Sales/Donation	\$275.85
Fundraiser	\$3,336.00
Rental Income – Total	\$6,827.50
Misc (Not Specified)	\$150.00
Total Income	\$23,184.69
EXPENSES:	
<u>Utilities</u>	
Electric	\$1,295.51
Water/Sewer	\$439.97
Phone/Internet	\$1,781.21
Total Utilities	\$3,516.69
<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>	
Oil	\$5,912.71
Northborough Oil Service	\$329.00
Propane	\$134.42
Security and Fire Alarm	\$1,705.40
Sprinkler Maintenance and Repair	\$400.00
Insurance – Property	\$2,677.00
Maintenance - Supplies/Building	\$1,555.24
Total Buildings and Grounds	\$12,713.77
<u>Other Expenses</u>	
Applefest Expenses	\$1,155.20
Museum Expense	\$48.08
PO Box Rental	\$489.00
Fees and Taxes	\$116.57
Hourglass and Brochures	\$0.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$288.00
Historian Stipend (Norm Corbin)	\$911.85
Reimbursement (Historian)	\$34.89
Uncategorized Expense	\$60.99
Misc (Not Specified)	\$1,919.24
Total Other Expenses	\$5,023.82
Total Expenses	\$21,254.28

Respectfully Submitted
Nadine Proctor, Treasurer

Projected Budget for 2026 - 2027

PROJECTED INCOME			
	Donations - Total		\$9,627.00
	Grant for Programs		\$400.00
	Membership Dues		\$2,728.00
	Museum Sale/Donations		\$284.00
	Fundraisers		\$3,436.00
	Rental		\$7,032.00
	Misc		\$155.00
	Vanguard		\$6,175.00
PROJECTED INCOME TOTAL		SUBTOTAL	\$29,837.00
	Contingency 10%		\$2,839.00
PROJECTED INCOME TOTAL			\$32,676.00
PROJECTED EXPENSES			
Utilities			
	National Grid Electric		\$1,334.00
	Oil		\$6,090.00
	Northboro Oil Service		\$339.00
	Phone/Internet		\$1,834.00
	Propane		\$138.00
	Water/Sewer		\$453.00
TOTAL UTILITIES			\$10,188.00
BUILDING COST			
	Custodian Stipend		\$1,030.00
	Insurance Property		\$2,757.00
	Security/Alarm		\$1,756.00
	Snow Plowing		\$2,439.00
	Supplies		\$1,026.00
	Maintenance & Repair		\$1,504.00
PROJECTED BUILDING COSTS			\$10,512.00

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MUSEUM EXPENSES			
	Archival Supplies		\$400.00
	Curators Stipend		\$1,030.00
	Events/Education/		\$600.00
	Historian Stipend		\$1,030.00
	Organ mainte-		\$1030.00
	Organist		\$350.00
	Restorations		\$800.00
PROJECTED MUSEUM COST		COST TOTAL	\$5,240.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
	Programs		\$850.00
	Refreshments		\$250.00
PROJECTED PROGRAM COST		COST TOTAL	\$1,100.00
SOCIETY EXPENSES			
	Applefest		\$1,190.00
	Museum Expense		\$50.00
	Fees & Taxes		\$120.00
	Fund Raising		\$1,190.00
	Hourglass & Bro-		\$615.00
	Website Mainte-		\$297.00
	Uncategorized Ex-		\$63.00
	Misc. not specified		\$1,976.00
	PO Box		\$503.00
PROJECTED SOCIETY COST TO-			\$6,004.00
PROJECTED EXPENSE SUBTOTAL			\$33,044.00
	Contingency 10%		\$2,839.00
PROJECTED EXPENSES TOTAL			\$35,883.00

Respectfully Submitted
Nadine Proctor, Treasurer

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Society Treasurer Christine Ellis this past Society year.**

We also lost another long time member Ed Sheehan

