

## *Preserving the Past For the Future*

The *Boxborough Historical Society, Inc.* was founded in 1961 by a group of residents interested in preserving Boxborough's history and passing it along to future generations.

Unlike the Historical Commission, which is a Town entity created under State mandate, limited by State regulations and filled by appointments by the Selectmen, the *Historical Society* is a private, non-profit corporation of volunteers which elects its officers from membership and can accept artifacts and tax-deductible contributions.

*The logo of the Historical Society depicts the original meetinghouse, which was purchased from the Town of Harvard in 1775. It was used*

- *For Town Meetings, 1783-1835*
- *As a Universalist Church, 1784-1842*
- *As the Town Hall, 1870-1901*
- *As the Town Library, 1908-1953*
- *Destroyed by fire, 1953*

Working together with the Historical Commission and other Town groups, the *Historical Society* is dedicated to recording local history, identifying and preserving historical sites, cataloging and collecting historical documents and artifacts and presenting information on Boxborough history to the public.

### Activities & Events Sponsored

- The Boxborough Museum
- Hidden Treasures Weekend
- Historic Homes Tour
- Special Events for Life Members
- 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Museum

### Capital Campaign

In 2016 we plan to begin a capital campaign to raise funds for necessary projects of historical importance. Among those projects will be the preservation and restoration of the 1784 Levi Wetherbee (Steele) Farmhouse. The Town acquired the farm in 1994; but few steps have been taken towards the farmhouse preservation and restoration. The Historical Society co-holds, with The Trustees of Reservations, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction on the farm. We hope you and your family will be supporters of our campaign.

Your *Historical Society* provides a variety of programs for the community. Many speakers are residents of the Town and share their knowledge and wealth of information. Some recent topics have included:

- History of the Fitchburg Railroad
- Construction of Route 495 in Boxborough
- A History of Steele Farm and the Steele Family in Boxborough
- Boxborough, Created on Feb. 25, 1783: How the Town Came to Be
- The Wetherbees: A Family in Boxborough History



The Boxborough Museum  
575 Middle Road

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

## Type of Membership:

- Annual Individual           \$ 20
- Annual Family               \$ 50
- Annual Business           \$ 100
- Life Individual              \$ 100
- Life Family                 \$ 150
- Donation-General         \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation-Capital         \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to volunteer (We  
will contact you.)

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Name (s)

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City, State, Zip

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Phone(s)

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E-Mail

We cordially invite your membership and donations to the *Boxborough Historical Society*. ***All contributions are tax deductible.***

To join by mail, and for donations to support our general purposes or our Capital Campaign, or both: Please mail your completed application and donation, along with your check made payable to “Boxborough Historical Society, Inc.” to us at:

29 Middle Road  
Boxborough, MA 01719

Your donation and your membership are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

