Dedham Historical Society

Purpose: The Dedham Historical Society was established in 1982 for the purpose of collecting and preserving the history of our town and its people.

2019-20 Officers
President: Francis Myatt               Vice-President: Robert Fraser               Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Cox
Directors: Joyce-Hayden Adams, Rick Leavitt, Eunice Ladd

Due to our inability to have meetings this spring, by straw vote, it was decided that the 2019-20 slate of officers will retain their positions for the 2020-21 year.

Membership increases for the second year in a row!!!!!! Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting our goal of collecting and preserving the history of the Town of Dedham. Dues are $2 per year or $8 for a family membership. Lifetime membership is $50. Our membership count at the end of this fiscal year was 54, which is a net increase of 2 members this year. Thanks to those who have chosen to join us! Please consider making a membership commitment and inviting others to join as we chronicle the journey and development of our town and its people.

THIS IS OUR STORY!

A special thanks to Brent Drake for handling the installation and retiring of the flags from display this year. Over the last year, we have changed the focus of this display to cemeteries and public areas. This change was required to control costs. We placed an order for new flags and hardware this spring after an inventory was done. Unfortunately, due to the manufacturing and shipping delays caused by COVID-19, our new flags did not arrive by Memorial Day. The twelve new flags and 6 sets of replacement hardware will be placed in our inventory for use in future years. Thank you to those who have made contributions to support this display of civic pride.

Member lost this year:

John “Pete” Holyoke – regular member and husband of charter member, Marilyn Holyoke.

We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

The Historical Society will begin meeting again in September. Please consider joining us!

Did you know?????? Influenza was NOT noted as the cause of any deaths in Dedham during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic! Let us hope and pray that COVID-19 won’t be listed as the cause of any deaths in Dedham this year.