



Hebron Historical Society
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Greetings to Friends of the Hebron Historical Society,

Here's hoping you all had an enjoyable 4th of July. Wishing to see how Hebron folks celebrated in the past, I looked through our donated collection of Smith & Coats family diaries. From 1850-1880, I found that the woman of the house did laundry, ironed, and baked while the man went to "the valley" or "uptown", or "drumming in Colchester". He did take the children for fire crackers once, and they did attend a few picnics. Nothing special was noted for 1876, America's 100th, so I quit looking for exciting celebrations & just kept haying as they too would have done if the weather was "pleasant".

Although The Society doesn't hold programs in the Summer, we still like to stay in touch. Here are a few notable updates for the Hebron Historical Society:

~~Between our 10th Plant Sale and 1st Tag Sale, we raised over \$2,500 for the general fund. This money goes toward maintenance of our buildings, utilities, website costs, and our program expenses. Our buildings are the 1838 Old Town Hall and the mid-1700's Burrows Hill School. Not many organizations are privileged to own such gems, but they do cost money to support.

~~The "Raise the Roof Gang" has deposited over **\$18,000** in its Capital Campaign account to replace the roof on Old Town Hall. A public hearing was held to determine whether we could replace the cedar roof with architectural asphalt. The last cedar roof lasted only 20 years, and the architectural asphalt roofs can go 50 years without replacement. In addition, asphalt costs much less than cedar! The Hebron Historic Properties Commission granted our request for change. Before long you should notice roofing work starting on the building.

~~It's not just all about money! During the past year The Society has sponsored several Eagle Scout projects. Take a little ride to the Burrows Hill School. Both the school and its out-building are sparkling again. Zach Blume and Ron Vitarelli performed wonders on these Eagle projects. Just recently, Kyle Nelson's Eagle project involved much needed work on the exterior of Old Town Hall. A new threshold ensures a safe access, while new paint on front and library sides & entrance plantings enhance the building's appearance. Matt Ziron put together a WWII exhibit in OTH. We appreciate everyone's efforts, and have more Scouts considering projects.

Have a wonderful Summer -- Your donations are always appreciated -- We Thank You!!