



The Hebron Historical Society

Newsletter

September - October 2013

HHS Annual Meeting is Scheduled for
Sept. 19th at 7:00, Old Town Hall

The Annual Meeting will include the Election of Officers and Directors, Approval of the Proposed By-Law Revisions and any other business which shall come before The Society. All HHS members are encouraged to attend.

Mark Your Calendar

September 19: - 7:00
Annual Meeting

September 19: - 7:30
Amston's Bob
LaMay:
Railroading
Stories & Photos

October 17: - 7:30
Hebron's Paul
Pomprowicz:
Hebron Antiques
and Collectibles

October 27 - 1:30:
Ruth Brown:
Wall Street's
Old Cemetery
Lecture & Walk
(Co-sponsor: Hebron
Historic Properties
Commission)

The nominated slate of Officers and Directors includes:

President - Mary-Ellen Gonci
Vice President - Jean Cyr
Treasurer - Robert Gonci
Secretary - Susan Heise

Past President - Helen Reardon
Historian - Mary Ann Foote
Directors: Carolyn Aubin
Louise Casarella
Ann Marie Piggott

Each officer and director will serve a 1-year term, except for the Treasurer, who will serve for 2 years. The election will be decided by a simple majority of The Society members present.

The other important item to be voted on during the business meeting will be the approval of the proposed HHS bylaw revisions. Copies of the proposed revisions along with the current bylaws can be accessed [here](#). A two-thirds majority of the members present is required to approve the By-Law Revision.

SEPTEMBER 19 EVENING HIGHLIGHT:

The highly anticipated presentation by Amston resident, author, and photographer Bob LaMay will immediately follow the Annual Meeting. Bob will share his stories and pictures taken from a lifetime of interest in Southern New England Railroading.

Bob is actively involved with the CT Eastern Railroad Museum in Willimantic, and is the editor of its "Ghost Train Journal". With a friend, he wrote "Diesels to Park Avenue: The FL-9 Story" from which this photo was taken.



Hebron's Corners and Hills

Before Hebron's roads were maintained by Hebron's Public Works crew, or Connecticut's DOT, they were constructed as directed by Hebron's Board of Selectmen, with work done by local citizens who wished to earn a few extra pennies for a day's work.

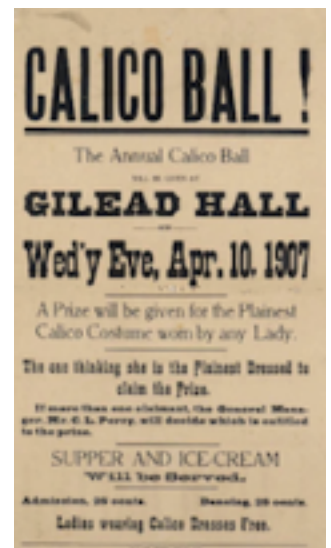
When heading to that day's location, the old work crews were directed to take their teams of oxen with wagons or sleds to "Goose Corner", "Polly Corner", "Godfrey Hill", "Root Hill", the "Turnerville to Colchester road", the "road from Hebron to Bolton", or some such designation. They didn't have route numbers; they didn't have many street names. They didn't have green street signs with "the pump" colorfully imprinted. They didn't have pavement. They did, however, have impassable roads and unsafe wooden bridges which needed their help.

No matter, the townspeople all knew where they were going! As a part of Hebron's Heritage, we'd like to construct a map of old Hebron with the names of its Corners, Hills, and Roads. If you have heard some of these names, please contact The Hebron Historical Society at <http://www.hebronthistoricalsociety.org/contact-us.html>. Include both the name and location of the special topography or direction. Thanks for supporting this project. ~Mary Ann Foote

Hebron's own antique expert, Paul Pomprowicz, will be the guest speaker at the October 17th program of The Society. Meeting at Old Town Hall at 7:30, Paul will bring some items



from his extensive collection of Hebron Antiques, Collectibles and Ephemera. Interesting stories are sure to be heard about many of the items. The accompanying photos are representative of items in Paul's collection.



On October 27th at 1:30, as a Halloween special, Ruth Shapleigh Brown, Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, will present a program focusing on Wall Street's Old Cemetery. Ruth was recently given a National Society DAR Historic Preservation Medal for her years of involvement in burial ground preservation and gravestone studies.



The program, co-sponsored by the Hebron Historic Properties Commission will begin in the Community Room of the Town Office Building (Rt. 85), where Ruth will provide background information. The group will then proceed to the Old Hebron Cemetery where we will meander with Ruth, stopping to observe various stones and identifying carvers. She will point out interesting features on stones and distinctive clues for identifying their carvers. Ruth will show folks how to read and photograph illegible stones as well as providing information on the proper cleaning of stones.

