

- We continue to restore the landscape around the Reed Homestead. Our goat interns were back and have readied the back lot for burning. We will collaborate with the Boy Scouts to continue to hack down invasive plants and restore the long blocked view of the Harbor Pond.
- We cleared a number of dangerous trees from the First School Monument on Old Meetinghouse Road. We kept the lot clear over the summer.
- We continue to monitor the needs of our buildings and apply our efforts accordingly. See our website for more information!

Special Thanks

- To the Society's Board of Directors, who support the President's efforts to build this organization into a top notch museum.
- Our dedicated members for their ongoing support and patience in this difficult time. We know it has been hard with limited in-person gatherings. We're coming back full steam ahead in 2022!
- The Shepherd Family, for winter plowing and summer lawn care.
- To the hardworking individuals who helped complete a multitude of tasks in the spring to ready the Reed Homestead building and yard for the upcoming season.
- To the docents who helped with the Reed Homestead: Jan Johnson, Sharon Lacasse, Shannon Murphy, and Lori Joyce-Burns.
- To our partnering organizations, such as Freedom's Way National Heritage Area and the Townsend and Stow Minutemen.
- To Shannon Murphy, Dwight Fitch and Gene Rahula who have resigned from the Board of Directors. Thank you for your years of service to the Society. We will miss you!
- Eino Kauppi and Dana Blanchard for their willingness to solve building problems, whenever called.
- Home at the Cooperage, specifically Rebecca Thatcher , for being a good tenant and supporting this organization's mission.
- Last but not least, Taber Morrell, our fearless Site Administrator who is up for tackling any challenge. His dedication to work has allowed the Society to share more history with the community.

Townsend Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING & Program



The Borden Museum Former Curator
and Townsend Native Bill Pavao Presents:

*The Life and Times of Lizzie Borden
Her Life, Family, Murder. and Mystery*

Sunday, November 7, 2021
2 PM - Presentation via Zoom

Meeting Agenda

- I. Greetings, President Ryan D. Hayward
- II. Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting; 2021 Member's Meeting
- III. Summary of 2021 Season
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Other Reports
- VI. Adjournment

Welcome Members

On behalf of the Townsend Historical Society, I would like to welcome all our members. No matter if you are new this year, or a longtime supporter, our organization could not accomplish its mission without your support. As we complete our 125th season, let's reflect on all that we have accomplished together.

Program

Our featured speaker is Bill Pavao, the former curator of the Lizzie Borden Museum and of her later home, Maplecroft, in Fall River.

Lizzie Borden is infamous for being accused of the horrific murders of her parents. She was acquitted after a dramatic trial that captured national attention. Borden sold the early Greek Revival house and moved to a beautiful and stylish Queen Anne residence following her trials. Both houses are beautifully preserved and function as museums and active Bed and Breakfasts.

Bill will share the history of the family, recount the trial, and the life of Borden after her release. We'll let you decide if she was guilty or not. It is one of New England's greatest unsolved mysteries.



2022 Board of Directors

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Vice President: Kara Fossey
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Life Directors: Mary West

Reflections on 2021

- The Society had over 500 visitors to its programs this year. Over 50 people came through the Reed Homestead during our summer hours and 250 people came to the Fall Open House.
- People rushed to get tickets to tour the Grist Mill, which was open to the public in June and July. We had another 50 persons tour the building and provide contributions toward its restoration.
- The Arts and Craft Fair went virtual for its 40th anniversary. We raised over \$500 with our limited vendors and we thank them for their participation. We are already planning for next year!
- We continue to reach out to the community and connect with volunteers. We have a number of persons helping with projects behind the scenes.
- Thanks to Taber, the Society has managed to raise over \$22,000 in grants, cash, and commitments for the Cooperage Restoration project. We have a bit more fundraising to do but are closing the gap. We expect to get moving in the Summer of 2022.
- Members voted to approve a small work plan to return the Harbor Church to income generating status and spend the next five years fundraising and preparing a capital project plan.
- We managed to have a successful display of historic trades this fall which was funded by the Townsend Arts Council.