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President's Message

I am sure everyone has noticed the new paint job on our town hall and the General Rufus Putnam Museum. This job was completed during the summer with the paint crew working long days and some Sundays as a courtesy to the daily traffic in the parking lot. This was a timely facelift to the Museum which will celebrate its 200th anniversary in May 2023, and we thank Jim Smith, Town Administrator, for including it on the paint schedule

The crew did a tremendous job on the Museum painting the building, the two front doors, front porch floor, fire escape, and the sign on the east gable. They even painted the bench that rests on the porch! Amazing to think that this building, which served the Masons, DAR, school children, and was a library, still stands on its original foundation today.

I meet with Jim Smith once a year right around now. We talk about current Historical Society events or projects as well as future projects and project needs. Last year when we met, we talked about including the museum as part of the town hall paint job. Jim Smith has been a great partner with the Sutton Historical Society, and we appreciate this partnership. Usually as I am leaving our meeting, I finish off by saying "We, the Sutton Historical Society, and town administrator are good for each other". We look forward to continued collaboration in 2023.

Speaking of 2023, it is time for Membership renewals due March 1, 2023. Membership last year was 170+. The Membership form is included in this newsletter. Share it with your family, friends and neighbors. Let's hit 200 members in 2023. We rely on member dues and donations to keep our properties operating. Electricity, heat, insurance are all annual costs over which we do not have much control. So, thank you for renewing your membership.

Also included in this newsletter is our 2023 Calendar of Events. We were the recipients of a 2023 Sutton Cultural Council Grant to offset the costs for our 2023 speakers series. We are excited to be hosting four presenters, and hope many of you will be able to attend. Our presentations are open to members and the general public of all ages. Bring a friend when you come.

Our Cemetery Restoration Crew finished the Town Center Cemetery, the Dodge Cemetery on Leland Hill, and will be moving on to the Armsby Road Cemetery. Volunteers are always welcome.

We hope to catalog the contents of the Blacksmith Shop during 2023. Volunteers are welcome and needed for this project, too.

Our bottle/can drive was a success, but a lot of work. Thank you to the several volunteers who braved the heat of August to sort and bag the donations and a second day in September. Although it rained for the Wagon/Cart Show, there was quite a bit of interest, and we plan to try it again this year.

As always, our members are available to help research your historical questions and provide tours of our properties to individuals or groups. Reach out to us at our email or website noted in the box to the left.

Happy New Year!!

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Sutton Center Cemetery Commemorative Sign By Dave Pizzi

In August 2022, after three long, labor-intensive years, our Cemetery Restoration Work Team, comprised of Ross Weaver, Brian Stevenson, John Belculfine and me, proudly completed the full restoration of our town's historic Sutton Center Cemetery, established circa 1719. The cemetery has 421 headstones, footstones, monuments and one burial crypt. In the initial phase of the project, all gravestones were thoroughly cleaned by many groups of volunteers. Subsequently, our Work Team undertook the arduous task of the full restoration of the cemetery. Of the 421 gravestones, 281 gravestones required digging out, resetting, leveling and alignment, 68 gravestones required major repairs that included digging out, removal, detailed restoration repair, resetting and, where needed, hand mixing/installing new concrete gravestone bases. The one burial crypt was totally rebuilt.

The primary aspiration and goal of everyone who participated in the cemetery's restoration was "to help preserve Sutton's heritage, to honor those who came before us, and for all generations to cherish and have pride in our community". Buried at the cemetery are some of the founding settlers/families of Sutton including Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans. This 3-year long project received generous financial support from the Dudley Gendron Post 414 American Legion for which we are very grateful. The majority of the graves are from the 1700's and 1800's with the last burial in 1936.

Being part of the National Register of Historic Places as a portion of the Sutton Center district, the cemetery represents a vital and historic asset to our town which is unknown to many residents and lacking any type of formal entrance or signage. Our Work Team agreed that we should install a very special commemorative sign, I contacted Bob Rochon of Creative SignWorks, Millbury, for his guidance and proposed designs. Bob suggested a granite post with a wrought iron bracket and a hanging sign listing the cemetery name, date established, and town logo which would be in keeping with the historical colonial era of the cemetery and Town Common. Subsequently, I contacted Jim Smith, Town Manager, and Matt Stencel, Manager, Highway Department, informing them of our proposal to install a sign, requesting their approval on the design of the sign, and their permission on the appropriate location to install the sign on the Boston Road side of the cemetery. Jim and Matt were very receptive and enthused about this project. They granted their full support and were very gracious in providing major financial assistance.

The custom bracket and sign were designed and manufactured by Bob Rochon and the 10-foot granite post was purchased from Swenson Granite in Shrewsbury. The final installation of the sign was completed in December. This sign is very impressive, clearly identifying this historic cemetery. Special recognition to Bob Rochon, Jim Smith, and Matt Stencel for their support in making this project a success.



l-r John Belculfine, Brian Stevenson, Ross Weaver, Dave Pizzi



Sign located on Boston Road near Cattle Pound

Sutton Center Cemetery QR Code

A QR Code (Quick Response Code) is a type of barcode that is optically readable via scanning machines and smart phones. The QR Code contains information and links to the item which it is assigned. During 2022, the Historical Society, with a grant from the Sutton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, developed a QR Code sign for placement on all six of the historical properties the Historical Society owns and/or maintains as well as ancillary properties of interest, i.e., the Manchaug Diorama located in the Manchaug Mills, the WWI memorial in the vestibule of the Town Hall, and the Sutton Center Cemetery, which directs the user to our webpage and historical information for the property they are viewing.

Unfortunately, the original QR Code plaque at the Center Cemetery was attached to a small pole that became dislodged. Christine Watkins, Historical Society Secretary, requested a more permanent and secure post be installed. Based on this request, I contacted Matt Stencil, Manager, Highway Department, who graciously donated a 6-foot granite slab from the used highway materials stored at the town transfer station.

On November 18, John Belculfine, Curtis Dakin, Ross Weaver and I met at the transfer station where Matt and his team used a large front-end loader and picked up and placed the granite slab in John's truck. We then off-loaded the granite slab at the cemetery where we proceeded to dig and install the slab in the same area where the previous sign was located, the area between the Fire Station and the General Rufus Putnam Museum. The QR Code plaque was installed on the beveled top of the post.

A special thank you to Matt and his team, John, Curtis and Ross, in support of this project.



Armsby Road Cemetery Sign

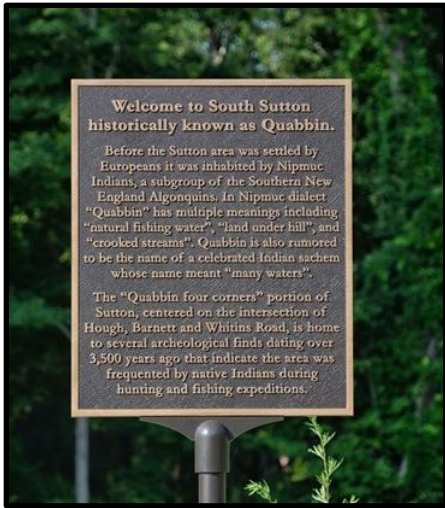
The full restoration of the Sutton Center Cemetery was completed in August 2022, and the full restoration of the Dodge Cemetery, located on Leland Hill Road, was completed in November 2022. Restoration of the Armsby Road Cemetery is expected to start in Spring 2023.

The original Armsby Road cemetery sign was simply a nameplate attached between two small metal fence posts. In June 2022, I contacted Jim Smith, Town Manager, and Matt Stencil, Manager, Highway Department, inquiring if I could build a better sign holder. I described to them the proposed design, of which they were very receptive, and agreed to the replacement. I removed the two metal fence posts, installed pressure treated wood posts, covered the posts with vinyl sleeves with post caps, and used PVC trim board for the backing of the sign in order to make everything weather and rot resistant.



The Quabbin Four Corners A Sutton Hamlet and A Lifelong Friendship

By Christine Watkins



Two of the greatest gifts of life are friendship and knowing where home is. For two Sutton residents, these gifts have lasted a lifetime lived out in a small hamlet of Sutton known fondly by locals as “The Quabbin Four Corners”. A small sign, probably missed by most travelers down Whitins Road identifies this area at the intersection of Hough, Barnett and Whitins Roads. This area, once home to a little village with a hotel, school and store, now is the home to the Sutton Senior Center and the Jacob Van Dyke Memorial Park, a very well-maintained sports complex containing baseball fields, a soccer field, and a soon-to-be renovated playground.

The sign states: “Before the Sutton area was settled by Europeans, it was inhabited by Nipmuc Indians, a subgroup of the Southern New England Algonquins. In Nipmuc dialect “Quabbin” has multiple meanings including “natural fishing water”, “land under hill”, and “crooked stream”. Quabbin is also rumored to be the name of a celebrated Indian sachem whose name meant “many waters”.

The “Quabbin four corners” portion of Sutton, centered on the intersection of Hough, Barnett and Whitins Road, is home to several archeological finds dating over 3,500 years ago that indicate the area was frequented by native Indians during hunting and fishing expeditions.”

For Harriett Barnett Van Dyke and Dottie Wood Gravison, this has been home for over 90 years with Dottie living in a home that was once the Barnett Road School House, and Harriett growing up in a home that still stands and was built in the mid 1700s. These two ladies have a wealth of knowledge about this area and are more than willing to share their stories and photos. Harriett has been extremely generous with donations of important memorabilia to the Historical Society, and I am privileged to have spent several hours with her learning about this area of Sutton that I passed through all my life, but never really noticed.



Harriett - June 1936



Harriett Barnett Van Dyke Dottie Wood Gravison



Dottie - June 1936

The home Harriett grew up in and still owns at 83 Barnett Road is located in the hollow and was purchased in April of 1894 by Harriett’s grandparents, Frank and Harriett. Pictured in the photo to the left below are her grandparents with her 4-year-old father, Howard. To their left is Aunt Ida and baby, Ethel Young. Her father, Howard, served during WWI and many of his artifacts are housed in the General Rufus Putnam Museum. Howard and his, brother, Stewart, worked the farm with their father. Sutton History Volume 1 states that this home was built by a man named Lackey in the late 1700s, and came to be known as the Crossman Farm after 1816 when Stephen Crossman purchased it.



Historical Society member, Ed Chrostowski, was fortunate enough to have metal-detected at this property several years ago. One of his finds was a sniper's bullet casing. This intrigued him, and further research caused him to stumble on an interesting story from the Sutton History Volume I, page 352. Ferdinand J. F. Crossman grew up in this home with his grandmother and enlisted in the Civil War with a neighbor, Lysander Martin, both being in a company of sharpshooters. Sadly, both perished during the Civil War. Lysander on June 19, 1863 after the battle at Fredricksburg, and Ferdinand in Andersonville Prison on August 8, 1864 after his capture during the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse. Read Sutton History Volume 1 for the full story under the Research tab at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org.

Dottie's house was built in 1886 as a one-room school house after the first two school houses for the district burned. Dottie and her husband acquired the property from the Town in 1951. Dottie, herself, grew up right on Hough Road.



Several of the more important properties in the district are no longer standing. Matthew Lackey, believed to be the brother of the Lackey who built the Crossman Farm, came from Upton to Sutton around 1772 and built the Houghton home, pictured left, which was torn down in the 1990s.

From 1876 to the early 1990s, a landmark of the Quabbin Four Corners was a large boarding house/hotel known to many as the Green Lantern. This large building with a mansard roof was built by Horace Batcheller, son of Warren Batcheller. The Warren Batcheller family lived on this parcel in a small home built by Warren from 1838 to its demolition and subsequent construction of the hotel. Warren had been a successful contractor building many fine roads and being employed in the excavation of the Blackstone canal.

Horace's house was intended for a summer boarding house and hotel with accommodations for 30 boarders. It was later purchased by Daniel McEndy and later by the Leo Godbout family who operated it under the name, "The Green Lantern Club." It was demolished in the 1990s.



Historic homes still present in this district include the Deacon Pliny Johnson home built 1852 at 120 Barnett Road (left below), the Job Boomer home built 1829 at 211 Whitins Road (right below), and the Baptist meeting house at 111 Barnett Road which has been converted into a unique single-family home.



The Society is grateful to Harriett for her donation of these wonderful pictures. Sutton has several unique villages/hamlets with each having a shared history as well as a unique individual history. From horse racing at Oakhust Farm in South Sutton, to the Fruit of the Loom connection in Manchaug, the ties to Samuel Slater, the fish hatchery and abundance of orchards in Wilkinsonville, the creation of the Sutton Beauty Apple, a cranberry industry and the Eight Lots School House in West Sutton, and the historic district of the Common with the continuation of residents enjoying Polly's Porch in the Center, those who call Sutton home are truly fortunate. We thank the authors of Volumes 1 & 2 of Sutton's Town History and encourage residents to grab those volumes and read them. You are sure to find some very interesting facts and stories which will shed light on why our streets are named what they are and what those who were here before us accomplished and survived.

A girl, a team of horses, and a tragedy

Lillian Paine

May 2, 1876 - November 19, 1895

By Christine Watkins

One of the "perks" of assisting the General Rufus Putnam Museum curator, Joyce Smith, at the museum is finding diaries, ledgers, old photos, etc., which pique an interest in the bigger story behind the source document. One such find was a journal donated by Mrs. Howard Barnett which had been kept by her husband. One has to remember that prior to the introduction of radio, tv, cell phones, evenings could be very quiet. Many people used this time to chronicle local events or simply their day-to-day events. This particular journal appears to record deaths in the area where the Barnetts lived, known as the Quabbin district, or South Sutton today.

While flipping through this ledger, a well-documented, sad story was found. The story of Ms. Lois Lillian Paine, a teacher in Sutton District 8, in the Carr Street area of Sutton. Although Miss Paine did not live in Sutton, nor is she buried in Sutton, she did touch the lives of several people living in Sutton.

The following is the verbatim entry as recorded by Mr. Barnett:

Paine, Miss Lillian - November 19, 1895

Came to her death in the following manner. April 22, 1895, Ed Hopkins was killed by a runaway horse. His monument was brought from Worcester, Mass. The team that brought the monument was a very heavy four horse team which stood in front of the lower boarding house in Whitinsville eating their dinner out of their nose-baskets. When the steeds took fright from the motor that was moving up the track towards them. They quickly turned around. No one being near to stop them, they made full-speed around the corner, near the boarding house down towards George Gibbs' store. The young lady above-named, was sitting in her buggy waiting for her mother to transact some business in the bank, when the horses came around the corner. On hearing the noise, she looked and saw them coming, and her horse jumped at the noise. So, she either drove across the way, or she could not hold her horse, which no one knows. But going out into the street, in front of the runaways, made a leader for them, and they followed her horse, and the crash came. The harness being in such shape that the horses pulled apart, and one went each side of her buggy. The pole striking her in the back injuring her back, and internally so that she only lived one hour and a quarter when death came to relieve the poor girl of her suffering. She was teaching school in District No. 8 Sutton, Mass, at the time of her death.

Ed Hopkins' death record lists a carriage accident as his cause of death at the age of 56. He had been a carpenter, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. Ironic that it was Ed's grave marker being pulled by a team of horses which caused an accident resulting in the passing on of Miss Lillian.

Miss Paine was 19-years old at the time of her passing. Her parents were Alden Paine, a Whitinsville blacksmith, and Sarah Anna Clarke Paine, a homemaker. At the time of her death, Lillian had an older brother, Nelson, and two younger brothers, Charles and Herbert. Her father, sadly, passed of consumption at the age of 34 in 1888. Census lists the family as living on Main Street and in the suburbs between the Whitinsville Post Office and the Whitinsville Rail Road Station. The family is buried in the Paine Lot in the Riverdale Cemetery in Northbridge, MA.

THE BALL FIELD
 A Gift to Generations
 The American Legion Park
 Manchaug, Massachusetts
 By Christine Watkins

Nothing brings back fonder memories of childhood than the unsupervised gathering spot of groups of children of all ages. Manchaug had, and continues to have, that spot in the 3-acre plot of land located at 7 Darling Lane simply known to generations as the Ball Field.

In the 1940s, Joseph D. Bousquet, Sr., founder of J. D. Bousquet & Sons, and his wife, Asterie, deeded this parcel to the John Mateychuk Post No. 390 American Legion Department of Massachusetts Inc. for no fee with five restrictions including "said land to be used for park or playground purposes only and always to be kept in good, clean condition." This parcel had been part of the Darling Farm for generations from its original purchase by Jonathan Wheeler in 1746 to the sale by his descendants, Clara Darling and Florence Pine, in May 1944 to the Bousquets. This 1948 deed to the American Legion was later confirmed with a deed signed by their sons, Joseph D. and Theodore Bousquet on June 13, 1963. In 2016, the Town of Sutton acquired this park which, per the deed must retain the name The American Legion Park.

J. D. Bousquet Family (1913)



This gift, with the foresight of placing a deeded perpetuity restriction, was, no doubt, made to provide the returning WWII soldiers, who had given so much in service to their country, a place to gather with family and friends to make new happier memories. Manchaug had two sons killed in action in WWII. John Mateychuk, age 22, Naval Electrician 3rd class, June 1943, and Robert Manosh, age 21, Army Private 1st Class, April 1945. During Vietnam, the Village lost Dennis Benson, age 21, Army Specialist 4, December 1968.

John Mateychuk



Dennis Benson



Baseball was always important to this mill community which had its own team in the local mill league at the turn of the 20th century with local boys Couillard, Darling, Daziel, Malo, and Bibeau on the roster, to name a few. 1955 Baseball Hall of Famer, Gabby Hartnett, catcher for

the Chicago Cubs, with a 20-year career, has ties to Manchaug as his mother, Ellen "Nell" Tucker, was born in the village in 1883. In the 1940s, the Red Sox played the Yankees at Soldier's Field in Douglas, just down the road from Manchaug. George Couillard, whose father Edward is believed to have played for the Manchaug team, played against Babe Ruth in an exhibition game while a student at Holy Cross, and was instrumental in the development of little league in Northbridge.

1907 Manchaug Baseball Team



During the 1970s, Sunday mornings had the men's softball league cracking foul balls all over the neighborhood, and groups of 30-plus children playing pick-up football, softball and soccer after school in the field. Rules were different then, and when the teams were short players, throwing the ball at the runner was allowed. Arching of the back to avoid a thrown ball while running became a honed skill of boys and girls alike.

This love of sports fostered in the ball field had many local children competing in the high school and college arena in the years to follow.

The Ball Field succeeded in making memories for generations. For all those living in the Village in the late 60s, the marquee event of the park had to be The Rex Trailer Show performing on an RV at the backstop and the community events which followed, including a greased pig contest. From summer recreation, to softball, little league, men's softball, soccer, basketball, ice skating on a flooded basketball court, tag, fights, you name it, it happened in that little spot of land that was the whole world to so many generations.



The Rex Trailer Show 1969

It is now time to give this gem a facelift. The Sutton Historical Society, a 501(c)3 organization is an avid supporter of other local 501(c)3 organizations and their missions. The Sutton Recreational Resources Corporation (SRR), a 501(c)3 organization, whose participants are a group of dedicated Sutton parents, grandparents, and interested citizens whose purpose is to encourage physical fitness for Sutton's youth by providing appropriate public recreational spaces by raising funds to create, renovate, and maintain public recreational spaces in the town of Sutton has undertaken the challenge of this revitalization project.

The SRR has partnered with the Town of Sutton in pursuit of a 50% reimbursement grant and associated fundraising campaign to raise funds to offset the projected \$435,000 cost of the project which will include new play equipment, much needed parking, resurfacing of the basketball court, and softball field improvements. SRR has been tasked with raising \$200,000.

SRR was instrumental in the Unity Park Renovation in Wilkinsonville, and is spearheading the playground renovations at the Jacob Van Dyke Memorial Fields in South Sutton. This organization's efforts have reduced taxpayer costs while making our local playgrounds safer and accessible to children of all ages and abilities. For more information and to donate, visit www.suttonrec.weebly.com or reach out to SRR at suttonrec@protonmail.com.

Project plans can be found at www.suttonma.org/planning/pages/american-legion-park-renovation.

Volunteers

Without the efforts of our countless volunteers, our Society would not be successful. The 3-year long efforts of our Cemetery Restoration crew, the Cemetery Tour volunteers, the dedicated returnable bottle/can sorting group who toiled in 90-degree heat and humidity, yard sale, wagon show, school tours, museum tours, the list goes on and on. In 2022, a special shout out goes to **Linda Carlson**, our newest Board member, who spent 169 hours inputting data from the museum accession books into excel spreadsheets. This was an important project, as it allows us to quickly search the records for a particular item without manually flipping through the ledgers. This will improve our collection organization efforts.

Charlie Wilson



This project came at the perfect time, as the Society is so lucky to have a new volunteer, **Charlie Wilson**, who recently moved to Sutton after relocating from England. When Charlie relocated with her family from England to Massachusetts in February 2022, she didn't even know a place called Sutton existed. But fate and the housing market brought them west from their original landing place of Franklin in December 2022, and Charlie thinks they will be very happy here indeed.

Charlie currently homeschools her two sons, but in a previous life, she worked in acquisitions and cataloguing for two large academic libraries in the UK. Charlie holds a Masters in Library and Information Management, and in Charlie's words, she "has always tried to use my librarian superpowers for good - so with that in mind I stepped up to volunteer and help with the Sutton Historical Society museum's collections."

Charlie's personal interests include genealogy and facilitating access to information. In her words, "documents are of no use to anyone if you can't find them!" Her interest in genealogy began when she discovered a branch of her family emigrated to Massachusetts in 1717, and helped to found the town of Leicester. Charlie commented, "as all my relatives who stayed in England lived very similar agricultural lives, the ones that came to America were wildly exotic to me! I am very excited to begin investigating and organizing the treasures that lie within the General Rufus Putnam Hall, and I look forward to sharing my discoveries with you."

Recording all volunteer hours is a Society goal for 2023. We ask all volunteers to keep track of their hours and forward them to sutton1704@gmail.com. You can send them along as you complete them or simply keep track manually or in a spreadsheet, and send them monthly or at the end of the year. Many grants ask for volunteer hours as there is a monetary value to these hours. In fact, our Cemetery Restoration crew of approximately 18 volunteers, logged a total of 914 hours, which equated to a \$31,962 in-kind volunteer value based on the 2021 Massachusetts' volunteer rate and was the most volunteer hours posted by any of the contributing organizations in the volunteer-in-parks program at the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Volunteers-In-Parks program for that year. Water's Farm was just recognized for an astonishing 15,000 volunteer hours. Your time does count and is noticed!!

Lastly, are you interested in welding or blacksmithing? We are seeking interested individuals, some experience preferred but not necessary, to help us keep the forge alive at the Blacksmith Shop. Reach us at sutton1704@gmail.com.

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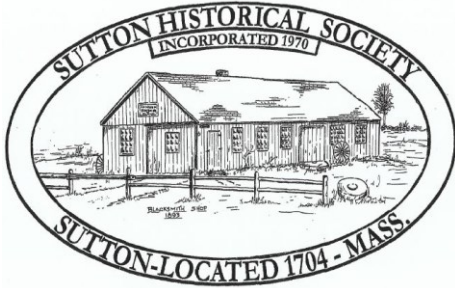
April 4 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Joe Iamartino, Thompson Historical Society The Nipmuc Lithic Trail Explore the history of Native Americans in the Nipmuc Territory of Central Massachusetts and Northeast Connecticut	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
May 9 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Carol Crossed, Curator Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum Vintage Tweets: A Book of Suffrage Era Postcards Presentation how postcards of old were like Twitter posts today.	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
June 17 Saturday	8:00 am 1:00 pm	Annual Yard Sale	M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop 6 Singletary Avenue
July 8 -July 16		Can/Bottle Redemption Drive Drop off your returnable cans/bottles at your convenience 24-hours	M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop 6 Singletary Avenue
August 4 Friday	6:30 pm	Annual Potluck Supper	Eight Lots School House 54 Eight Lots Road
September 5 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Andrew Noone, Author Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary War Murder Conspiracy	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
September 30 Saturday	12:00 pm– 4:00 pm	Wagon and Cart Show	M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop 6 Singletary Avenue
October 3 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Annual Meeting Officer Election	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
October 28 Saturday	7:00 pm	Historic Cemetery Tour Re-enactors will tell the tale of early Sutton settlers buried in the Sutton Center Town Cemetery	Sutton Center Town Cemetery 4 Uxbridge Road
November 7 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Mark Savolis, Thompson Historical Society The Mass15th of the Civil War and Sutton Soldier, Wilder Holbrook	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
December 2 Saturday	Various	Chain of Lights Annual Town-wide Christmas Event	Eight Lots School House General Rufus Putnam Museum M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop
December 5 Tuesday	6:30 pm	Christmas Potluck	First Congregational Church 307 Boston Road
December 31 Sunday	Midnight	Last Night Cannon Firing Cannon Club	M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop 6 Singletary Avenue

**2023
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Please note the annual membership fees are due by **March 1, 2023**. The fees collected are important funds to help sustain payments of related insurances, utility bills and ancillary bills, the mailing of the news bulletin and various activities. If you have not received your 2023 membership card, please renew today.
We gladly accept all donations.

VOLUNTEER...

We welcome all volunteer help. If you have a special talent, skill or trade, please let us know how you would like to volunteer and your area of interest. Please contact sutton1704@gmail.com.



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Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

\$15.00 Individual Fee: _____

\$25.00 Family Fee (including children under 18): _____

Additional Donation: _____

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2023 Membership Month

March

This printed newsletter is being mailed to you with the 2023 Membership Form enclosed.

Please JOIN or RENEW Today!!! We need your support to help us continue to keep history alive in SUTTON.

REUNION PICNIC – June 9, 2023

General Rufus Putnam Building to celebrate 200th Anniversary

4 Uxbridge Road

Did you attend school in the General Rufus Putnam Building? We want your memories, experiences, and any old photos. The planned Museum display will include items from all groups who utilized the space over its history, including the Masons, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sutton Schools, as well as the Sutton Library.

An anniversary picnic on the Common is being planned for June 9, 2023. Updates will be posted to our website.

Please reach out to us at Sutton1704@gmail.com for more information.