

Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

BROADSIDE

President's Message

Our House and property are overseen by the Town of Bedford's Historic Preservation Commission. We're grateful to Don Corey for yeoman work serving as their representative on our Board of Directors. As of this spring, John Linz will be our new HPC Rep. Don Corey will continue to sit on the Board, but the weight of supervising everything that involves everything from a hammer or a backhoe will drop from his shoulders.)

Good news! Joe Restino has agreed to serve as Tour Guide Coordinator this year. He'll be staffing the house tours with guides. It takes a little juggling... Thanks, Joe!

Sharon McDonald, 781-275-5643 or shar.mcd77@gmail.com

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Directors –2021 - Donald Corey, Bill Hann

Directors - 2022 - Judy Barber and Lee Yates

MEMBER NEWS Jennifer and William Cryan, Lane Descendant from Virginia Beach, VA.

SPRING CLEANING Saturday, May 4 and May 11. 9 a.m. – 12 noon

The Job Lane Farm Museum opens on Mother's Day, we give it a good cleaning! Some members from Grace Chapel will help clean on May 4. We also need the help of our members! Contact Sharon McDonald.

The Boy Scout Troop 194 will come on May 11 to clean up the yard, including broken branches and leaves. Contact Jeannette Pothier at 781-275-8794 or joblanefarm@gmail.com.

2018 FINANCE REPORT

This is part of the report given at the Annual Meeting. Income for 2018 was \$2,486.54 including donations and grants of \$1,372, admissions of \$537, dues of \$160, barn-raising of \$200, and gift shop sales of \$96.50.

Expenses totaled \$2,774.65 and included repairs to windows in the house of \$900, conference registration of \$315 with the balance for operating expenses including the Broadside.

The bank balance at year end was \$20,687.90 including \$6,817 in the furniture fund, \$1,373 in the Olive Nolin fund and \$100 in the Barn Fund.

Betsey Anderson, Treasurer

MEMORABLE ANNUAL MEETING – THERE ARE STORIES TO TELL

The Friends of the Job Lane House Annual Meeting was memorable indeed. Although postponed once, this did not seem to deter the 30 people who showed up to listen to Anne Jennison, a professional storyteller of Native American Tales. Anne was captivating as she slowly and carefully wove into stories involving the history of Native American as well as stories about the earth and wonders of nature. She also had fables to tell about jewels of wisdom for all to benefit from. Her stories were colorful and magical and held the audience intact.

All this was the setting of a friendly, sharing social time with tasty treats and hot drinks. It was a memorable Annual Meeting and there are still so many more stories to tell.

Judy Barber

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The fire suppression system was installed in the Job Lane House. However, one issue remains unresolved. The Fire Department connection pipe was installed in front of the house (ca.1713) in the Garden Club's garden. It is totally inappropriate in that location, and efforts to relocate it are ongoing.

A new brick walk was installed by the Rotary Club extending the existing walk from the front of the house to the stone wall between the house and barn. This is a high traffic area during house tours.

Installation of the cobble stone ramp at the front of the barn has resulted in an Occupancy Permit finally being issued for the barn. All compliance issues since the barn was first erected have now been addressed

Future plans will be in next Broadside.

Don Corey, Maintenance

BARN UPDATE



The activity this early spring has been in the barn. One project we hope you will check out is an upgrade to the utility

kitchen in the barn. The upgrade increases counter-top area, relocates the sink to a more useful location, adds shelving for storage, and provides open, undercounter storage spaces. It also provides a proper space for the larger refrigerator donated by Don Corey. This is for a small catering kitchen (no food preparation) that can make the barn more attractive for small group rentals – and provide another source of funds for our activities! However, all our programs can benefit from our upgraded kitchen.



This is a view from the doorway, showing the new, L-shaped, counter-top. Note the sink has been

relocated several inches to the right. It includes a new shelf for a microwave.

We thank Sharon McDonald for buying our new Microwave! The wood panel in front of the sink lifts out for easy access to plumbing. The window has been modified to open from the top. A wooden floor was installed over the planks. We will show more pictures when it is completed. Come visit us.

John Linz

JOB LANE VISION – 2019 AND BEYOND

The Job Lane Farm Museum is an exciting, thriving place with dedicated supporters who bring vitality to its operations. **Our broad objective for the future is to increase public awareness and participation in the museum.** We have accomplished this in prior years and look forward to 2019-2020 and all the opportunities it holds. There are so many supporters to mention who have helped the Job Lane Farm Museum that I'll refrain from doing so in fear of missing someone important. Thank you all.

Here is a vision for the future including some emphasized goals:

Our vision is to make the Job Lane Farm Museum an important historical "GO TO" place for all to enjoy and learn more about the daily lives of our forefathers and mothers.

1. **Outreach Focus to Attract More Groups**
– We have partnered with the Billerica Historical Society and Billerica Garden Club in as part of our outreach efforts. Our outreach should include holding more joint regional projects and extending invitations to other historic and civic groups. This year we are reaching out to "homeschooled" students who will attend a special outreach day at Job Lane Farm Museum. In the future, we can plan additional outreach for other students including those with handicaps.
2. **Promote Barn Rentals for More Events at Job Lane Farm Museum** – We are ready to promote barn rental events after many years of bringing the barn into compliance with building regulations. We have also upgraded our barn rental policy. With barn event rentals, we will

increase our visibility and acquaint additional people with our offerings. This again will greatly broaden our base and make more people aware of the offerings of the Job Lane Farm Museum.

3. **Improved Data Base** – We are working to improve our database to keep track of as many visitors and participants in Job Lane activities as we can. This will allow us to have an extensive database to e-blast invitations to them for future events.

Judith Barber, Chairman Board of Directors

GIVING AWAY

In the barn, we have a dorm refrigerator, in good condition. It works and is very clean! Do you have a need for it, or know of someone who needs it? If so, please contact me to pick up anytime now. We need the space and thank Don Corey for giving us a larger refrigerator.

Jeannette Pothier, 781-275-8794

VOLUNTEERS

As we open for the season, we will be looking for volunteers. Our immediate need is for tour guides. We will provide training and help you with colonial clothing. Greeters and Gift Shop attendants also play an important role during the Sundays we are open. For further information, please contact Sharon McDonald at email: shar.mcd77@gmail.com or Jeannette Pothier Jeannette@scotiaheath.com.

CLEANING UP REMINDER

Without you, our members, and friends we would not be able to accomplish very much. Please come and help us clean up.

THE DEANE WINTHROP HOUSE

There is a historic house in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Deane Winthrop (1623–1704) was the sixth son of Governor John Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We visited the house one Sunday for a discussion on early life specifically the Pilgrims.



(PHOTO Suzanne Kreiter/Globe from an article written by Kathleen Burge Globe Staff, August 12, 2012.

I took this story from the History of the Deane Winthrop house booklet, which is a pdf at <https://winthropmemorials.org/civic/files/deane-winthrop-house.pdf>

The oldest part of the house was built about 1675 with an addition made in 1696. It is currently owned by the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association and is open to visitors by appointment. This building is one of the oldest wood frame houses in the country and is the oldest continuously lived in home in the United States. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

The Deane Winthrop House was built by Captain William Peirce, at least in part, probably in 1637, the oldest house now standing in what was the old Boston and one of the very oldest houses in New England.

Not another house can be found in this country whose owners during nearly three centuries present a more splendid galaxy of names. Captain William Peirce was "one of the most esteemed and accomplished navigators of

his commanded three of the ships which brought over the Puritans and was master of the Mayflower on her voyage from England to Salem in 1629. On intimate terms the Governors Bradford and Winslow of the Plymouth Colony, he was also entrusted with most important commissions by Governors Winthrop and Endicott of the Bay Colony. Among the celebrated people who crossed the Atlantic with him were Governor Winthrop's wife and son John, Myles Standish, John Eliot, Roger Williams, Rev: John Wilson and Sir Richard Saltonstall. The Captain prepared the copy for the first book published in the Colonies: "An Almanack for the year 1639 calculated for New England by William Peirce, Mariner." He was one of the first Selectmen of Boston, Governor Winthrop's name leading the list of ten, chosen in 1634. Captain Peirce had a house on the north side of State Street, Boston, at the corner - of Change Avenue, then Peirce's Alley, and in 1637 was one of the fifteen men to whom the portion of Boston known as "Pullin Point" now. Winthrop was allotted by the new town of Boston. The buildings were probably built at this time. The house was set facing exactly south and placed on the aboriginal track or trail, now represented by Shirley Street.

Note: We saw that the land has been filled, and new houses, and he school are on that land. It was once water where you could row in as far as the house. (Story to be continued.)

Jeannette Pothier

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May 2019

Museum opens May 12.