



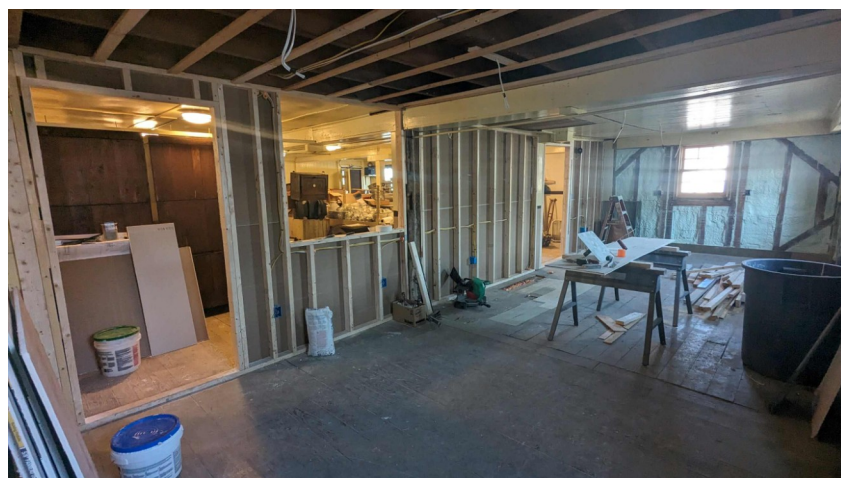
*February 2024 Leap Year*



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C. C. Merritt, Esq. of Springfield has placed in the Town hall a marble tablet, containing the names of Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton and thirty-six others, who marched from Templeton to Cambridge to defend the Massachusetts colony from the encroachments of the mother country. The whole command was under Col. Nathan Sparhawk. The following is the list:

John Atwood, Jr.,  
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# Cabin Fever 2024



The warm weather kept some people away this year and the cold season took a few of our collectors away as well, but we had a great time enjoying each collection and sharing ours with those who attended. Each year brings something different and offers us more to learn. Thank you to all the collectors who set up and our strong support from the many volunteers who make this possible.



The Baldwinville Legion deserves a hand for allowing us to use the hall once again.

A portion of our costs are supported with a grant by the Templeton Cultural council.







*"A moment in time"*

*by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

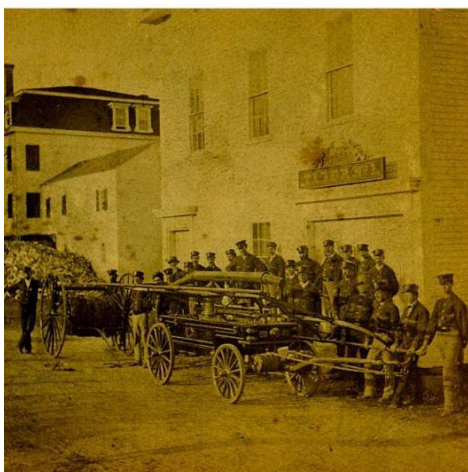
## MORE TEMPLETON FIRE LOSSES

In the early 1900's, Templeton suffered the loss of three fire stations between 1906 and 1919. The first fire was in August 1906 when the Otter River station was destroyed. The engine named the Oregon and the hose reel was saved but the station was a total loss. In September 1906, a new station was built at a cost of \$1400.00. This station continued to serve the town until 2005 when it was closed and sold to a private party. The building still stands today.

In 1908, the station in Baldwinville called Union Hall which stood next to the Otter River was destroyed by a fire. In 1909 the town voted to build a new station out of brick at the same location. It is assumed that much of the equipment was destroyed although; I believe Steamer NO.1 was saved as I have seen a photo of it in front of the new station. This station still stands today and is used by the CERT Team as their headquarters.

In February 1919 the fire station in East Templeton which housed Steamer NO.2 was destroyed along with its contents. The building and equipment were declared as a total loss. In March of 1919 the town voted to spend \$5000.00 to purchase the land next to the destroyed station and build and equip a new station. This station was also closed in 2005 and sold to a private party and still stands.

Shown below are Union Hall and the new station in Baldwinville .



# *President's Page*

*by: Brian P. Tanguay*



**Just a few more items to be installed in the two bathrooms at the Grange hall, which will include a baby changing table in the family bathroom and the fixtures in both.**

**The First floor is almost done, and ready to move the displays and tables into place. The kitchen project will be on hold for a bit to reorganize and figure out the next steps.**

**We are counting on you to come to the Town meeting in May to help show your support when we submit our request for Historic preservation funds needed to install a new handicap lift to gain access to the second floor. Mark your calendars once the town posts the date on their website.**

**Work projects continue at the Grange every Tuesday night, stop by and see what's up!**

**You are welcome to submit a story for the newsletter, send it to our email listed below and keep it short enough to fill the page, or we can publish it in two parts.**

**Spring time cleanup is coming, stop by the Garden when you want and help spruce it up after our mild winter. Email us with questions, thanks for your help.**

**Follow us on Facebook group page where we share out projects, meetings, and any info to keep you up to date. See link on the last page**

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Kelly Elliot	Harry Aldrich	Vacant
Joseph Croteau	vacant	vacant

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 Anyone interested in joining in any capacity, please attend our meetings to see how you can help.

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**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT  
 NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME  
 any time.**



Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist Society)** It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. Currently over 2000 members following

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**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**

*Tuesday nights in the Museum from 6-8 closed for winter.  
 Saturday from 1-4, if you see vehicles, stop in and say Hello.*

*Meeting Mar 6th, 7pm at the Senior Center in Baldwinville*



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