

## CROYDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013



Hello Croydon townspeople, another town report, another year of history past.

Some milestones to mention include the retirement of Donnie Lussier as our town road agent for the past 26 years, and recognized at Community Day at Camp Coniston in September

as our Citizen of the Year. A well-attended day with families, young and old. The Flat finally won at tug of war, good strategy to wait until after dinner. We also saw the retirement of the town Reverend, Donna Leslie. Thank you both for serving our community for so long. Perhaps we'll see these individuals involved in other things in town.



With their retirements however, we recognize the followers in those roles, Dave Hooley has left the selectmen's office to become the Road Agent, and the new pastor is Mark Rowell. We welcome them in these positions, but wow, they have big shoes to fill.

At our annual meeting in May, the program was 'Discovering *New England Stone Walls*'. Very interesting and mention that our own wall behind the town hall is of a particular method of note. This year's annual meeting program will be 'One Room School Houses'.



This was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the initial Charter and incorporation of Croydon. (1763) To recognize this and kick off the lead into our official 250<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2016, (when our town fathers actually settled in Croydon), we had a 'Liberty' elm tree planted on the museum lawn, (with help by Donnie) and the Village School 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, along with their teachers, all helping with the dedication of the event in May. They had



learned about some of the early history of town and why this particular tree was significant. They agreed to help be the stewards of this tree.

In November, the Veteran Dinner was made possible at the Croydon Fire Station hall, after some extensive renovating was completed just that week. We heard from some talented young singers from the Village School lead by Amanda Leslie and the Clefhangers quartet with Dave Effman. Bob Nelson remains our oldest veteran, and Madeleine Dearden, at 96 years, our oldest resident was in attendance.

Plans are in the works for perhaps a dinner at the Morse House, a twilight tour of the museum, and ongoing 250<sup>th</sup> research and event planning. Please contact us if you'd be willing to be on any committees. Contact us through the town office or email: [info@croydonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@croydonhistoricalsociety.org)