

## **Quarterly Meeting June 10, 2021**

Due to ongoing restrictions on gathering in person due to the Covid pandemic, the Board notified the membership of their decision to postpone the formal Annual Meeting and elections until September 2021 when it would be more likely that we can gather in person.

Thus the June meeting became a regular quarterly meeting, conducted remotely on Zoom.

At the June 10 meeting, President Brad Larson and other officers offered reports on both the current state of the Society and plans moving forward, including plans for the Annual Meeting and elections in September and applications for grant funding to Digital Commonwealth for making more of our collections available online and to Mass Humanities to hold a community "Reading Frederick Douglass Together" event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The museum itself has been closed to the public during the pandemic, but monitored and maintained, and a limited 'soft opening' is now being phased in, with the hope of returning to full open hours by September.

Plans are in place for an in-person Annual Meeting and Board elections on September 30, with online attendance still to be offered as an additional option. Members were encouraged to share or update their email contact information to make it easier to communicate between quarterly newsletters and provide Zoom links to meetings.

The Treasurer's report showed quarterly income of \$1895 and disbursements of \$3155, with a total funds balance of \$30,950.

Keynote speaker COL Joe Blansfield offered an engaging and thoroughly researched talk on "The History of Bay Road." He shared the several centuries of the history of this long major thoroughfare along the edge of Sharon, from its beginnings as a Native American path shown in the first Colonial maps to an early stagecoach route to a settled area of homes and farms. Illustrated by many images, his talk provided stories of old inns, farmhouses, and stone markers along the road.