

TOWN STATISTICS

Incorporated in 1749

Population in 2015	4,721
No. of Taxable Properties	12/31/2015 1,948
Area	9.9 Square Miles

Streets and Roads

Class I	5.0 miles
Class II	7.2 miles
Class V	28.60 miles
Class VI	.90 miles
<u>Private</u>	<u>3.20 miles</u>
Total	44.90 miles

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DEDICATION

The Newton Board of Selectmen is proud to dedicate this year's town report to the Newton Historical Society. The Newton Historical Society has been in existence for forty-four (44) years. It was founded in 1971 and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1973. In those forty-four years the society has seen one hundred and forty members come and go.

In 1972 the Historical Society was given permission, by the town, to use the Marshall House property at 5 Wallace St. as a museum; to store the many documents, artifacts and photos the society was accumulating. This property was "gifted" to the town in 1970 by Samuel Marshall.

In 1975 members of the Historical Society and the Conservation Commission erected a two story, storage barn on the property and also moved a cobbler shop from New Boston road to the Wallace St property. Currently there are three 19th century, horse drawn carriages in the barn.

In 1992 the Society took possession of the unused, 1850 Village Primary School building located at 22 South Main Street. It became, and remains, the Society's headquarters.

Over the years the society has initiated and carried out numerous projects to benefit the residents of the town and to preserve its history. The following are just a few of the major projects completed over the past several years.

In 2007 the society's first Fall Festival fund raising event was held. This is the only fund raiser the society conducts. It has arguably become the Newton social event of the year. For all nine years the festival has been hosted by the Merrimac Savings Bank in Newton. This tradition will continue with the North Shore Bank.

In 2011 the society finished an eighteen month, complete renovation of their headquarters in the historic Village Primary School at 22 S. Main Street, and converted it to the town's second museum. This museum displays numerous Newton artifacts, documents and photos pertaining to Newton's history.

In 2014 a two year project was completed with the restoration of the historic stage curtains at the town hall. Upon obtaining a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance; Society members participated in the restoration of the curtains alongside the Curtains W/O Borders Group from Vermont. Photos of these curtains appeared on the cover of the 2014 Town Report.

In 2014 an internet Society web site was created which receives over 150 "visits" per month. The site contains vast amounts of information about the Society as well as various slide shows of the society's activities. The site can be found at newtonhistoricalsociety.org

In 2015 the society completed an eight year project of electronically accessioning and cataloguing its inventory of the town's historical documents, photographs, letters and artifacts in its possession. This is an ongoing process as new artifact donations are continually received.

Multiple, free, historical presentations are provided each year for the residents of Newton, as well as the surrounding cities and towns. Donations received from these presentations are matched by the Society and given to the Newton Food Pantry.