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Old Hollis H. S. (a.k.a. Learning Center)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings !

As we begin our 41st year, we welcome the opportunity to live and serve in our communities!

We are *very grateful* to have received grant money from *Narragansett Number One Foundation* to rehabilitate or replace, as needed, the windows and doors of the 1802 brick *Elden Store*, a National Historic Register Town owned building at Buxton Center. In addition, thanks to a generous private donation from an Elden descendent and historical society member, *Lucy Philips*, a new sign now graces the south side of the building. We are truly blessed! *Thank-you all!*

Work on the Elden Store project began in the fall of 2010. A second grant application has been submitted for Phase 2 of the project, which includes a portion of the landscaping, as well as some interior work.

In addition, as you may know, your board voted in the winter of 2010 to assist in the investigation of alternative uses for the S. D. Hanson and Hollis High School buildings, which are both being threatened with demolition. That investigation took on a life of its own as data on these historic buildings accumulated and gradually grew into citizen efforts to re-purpose these worthy structures into community centers for their respective communities. Although we don't know the outcome of our efforts, we do trust the process of citizen involvement, interest and enthusiasm to re-purpose these worthwhile structures to benefit people of all ages in Buxton and Hollis.

It is clear that the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society is not just about providing resources for genealogical research and stressing the

importance of local history, although that is important work. We are *also* about helping to inform citizens about the relevance and potential of our towns' historic structures, both private and public, to serve our citizens of today in new, functionally vibrant ways!

A big Thank-You to all those who helped with a much needed spring cleaning at the museum on the March 26! Our lovely space is once again washed, polished and ready for your visit!

Please remember to *send us your updated email addresses* so we can send you notices of breaking news! And be sure to check out our new website...it is awesome and growing!

I hope you enjoy spring! I invite you to join me in breathing deeply that lovely warm, fresh spring air...may it bring us all a renewed sense of purpose and joy in life re-creating!

Sincerely,

Jan Hill, *President*

P.S. Please note that the Historical Society library will be **closed on Saturday, July 23rd** for Buxton-Community Day. See you at the fair!



Jan Hill in front of Buxton's Hanson School