

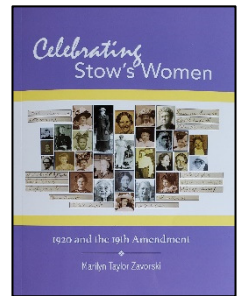
# News from the Stow Historical Society

A newsletter for all friends of Stow history.  
Please feel free to pass it along to others who might be interested!

April 11, 2021

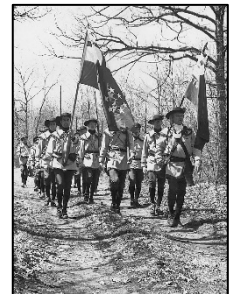
## In this issue:

- **Celebrating Stow's Women, 1920 and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment** book signing will be Saturday, May 1, 2021 in the Pompositticut Community Center parking lot. See page 2-4.



- **SEEKING** those interested in becoming SHS BOARD MEMBERS and volunteers. See page 5.

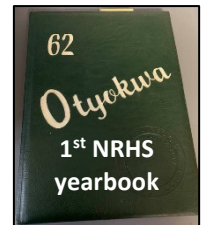
- **Patriots Day** – Monday April 19, 2021
  - Remembering the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and Stow's Minutemen. See page 5.



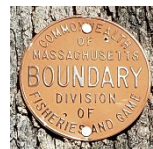
- **Drew Abrutyn**, Nashoba Regional High School junior, produced a National Honor Society Community Service video about the Civil War. See page 6.



- **Nashoba Regional High School mascot change:** Community Perspectives requested - See page 6-7.

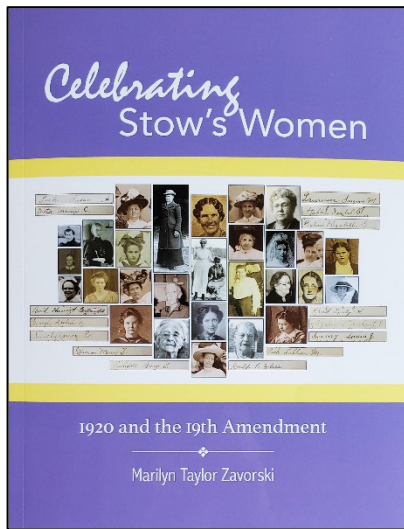


- **Boundary markers** at Delaney Conservation Land See page 7.



- **A surprising Stow find in Wareham, MA** See page 8.

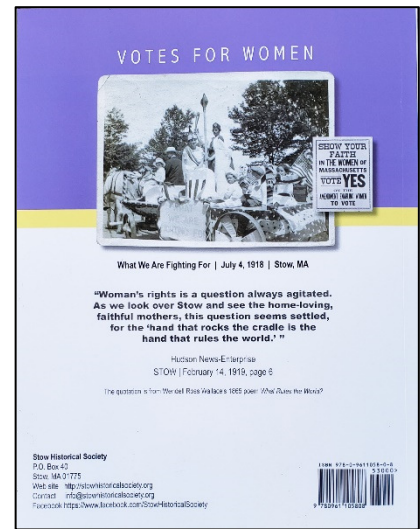




***Celebrating Stow's Women  
1920 and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment***

**Book Signing Event  
Saturday, May 1, 2021  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Pompositticut Community  
Center parking lot**

**This limited edition is in color.  
8.5 x 11 inches  
\$20.00**



**Representative Kate Hogan will be in attendance at 10 a.m.**

Copies may be reserved in advanced by contacting Marilyn Zavorski ([marilynzavorski@gmail.com](mailto:marilynzavorski@gmail.com)) and may be picked up at the book signing event on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional copies will also be available on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Shipping costs to be calculated this week.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to

- **Dave Dunn**, CEO and founder of Dunn & Co. of Clinton, MA, who guided the SHS through the printing process.  
<http://www.booktrauma.com/page2.html>  
Video of book binding  
<http://www.booktrauma.com/page18.html>
- **Patrice Todisco**, Executive Director, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, whose graphic designer, Richard Giogiosa, created the covers' designs.  
<http://freedomsway.org/>

View Freedom's Way new e-book, *Women Who Made History, Profiles from the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area* at <http://freedomsway.org/women-who-made-history/>.

Many thanks to *The Stow Independent's* April 7, 2021 article about writing of the *Celebrating Stow's Women*. An excerpt is below.

**Honoring the women of Stow in new book**

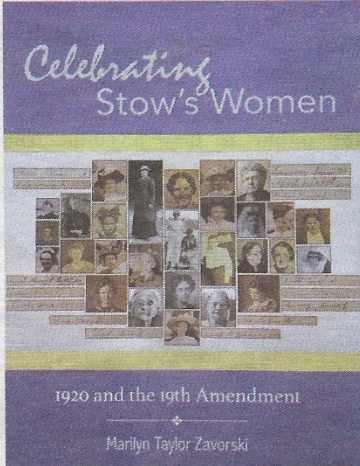
**By Maura Rousseau Sieller**

What once had been forgotten, now has been found. Marilyn Taylor Zavorski, President of the Stow Historical Society, spent much of the last year working to highlight the women of Stow whose stories had previously gone untold. Those efforts culminate in the upcoming publication of the book "Celebrating Stow's Women 1920 and the 19th Amendment."

The limited-edition color printed book, which is written in the genre of historical nonfiction and its subset of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs, will be available for purchase directly from the Historical Society beginning May 1.

The Introduction section of the Society's newest book recounts how the project took on a life of its own.

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"Celebrating Stow's Women" will be on sale beginning May 1.  
Maura Rousseau Sieller

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# *Celebrating Stow's Women 1920 and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

## **Acknowledgements**

The support of colleagues, friends, and family makes writing the book possible and keeps the author steady and focused. This is doubly true when the book has been researched and written during the pandemic.

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This appreciation is also extended to Bob Trumpolt (a Stow native son now living in Michigan) and Bill Wickey (a Stow native son now living in New Jersey) who tirelessly communicated support and input.

An email request to Maura Rousseau-Sieller, who lives in *the Blocks* of Gleasondale (see page 93), had her out the door and photographing what *the Blocks* look like in 2020. She emailed me a dozen jpegs from which to choose. Thank you!

Thanks to Bob McDonald for his immediate response to my inquiry of whether he had in his stamp collection, 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment/ Woman's Suffrage postage stamps. Bob photographed them on black mounting, so that it would be easy to crop and add to the book.

Special thanks to the twenty-first century relatives of the 1920 women who registered to vote for proofreading and editing your mother's, grandmother's, great grandmother's, or great great grandmother's tribute. Thank you for the photographs and stories you contributed.

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Thank you for reading.

Marilyn Taylor Zavorski  
Stow Historical Society  
Ancient Documents Committee

# *Celebrating Stow's Women 1920 and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

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## Seeking New Board Members

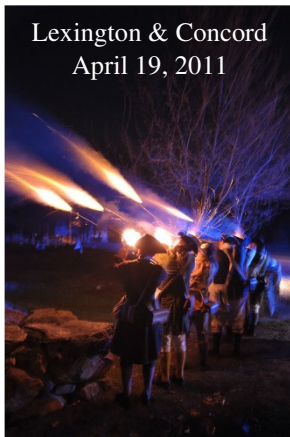
Open call to join the Stow Historical Society Board of Directors

The SHS is also seeking a webmaster, who is skilled in designing a new website.

### Patriots Day 2021

Patriots Day 2021 is scheduled for Monday, April 19th. Patriots Day is a civic holiday, a time for Americans to remember the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. These battles are considered the very first battles of the American Revolutionary War against Great Britain. Patriots Day is not a nationwide observance; in fact, the third Monday in April is Patriots Day only in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Maine.

**The Stow Minuteman’s annual trail march to Concord has been cancelled for the second year.**



Lexington & Concord  
April 19, 2011

**CANCELLED Annual Trail March to Concord**  
Monday April 19, 4:15 AM  
Stow Shopping Center, 117 Great Rd, Stow, MA 01775, USA  
<https://www.facebook.com/thestowminutemen/>

The **Stow Minuteman Company** was reactivated in 1965 by order of the Stow Selectmen, to “preserve and perpetuate the memory and spirit of our forebears [and] promote an active interest in Revolutionary history.”

<https://stowminutemen.org/>



1965



Old Sturbridge  
Village  
Reenactment  
Aug 11-13,  
2019



Fifers Day April 2019



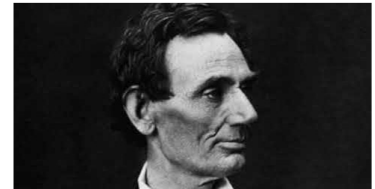
Flag Exchange May 12, 2020  
Brookside Cemetery

## Drew Abrutyn Nashoba Regional High School, junior

On November 11, 2020 Drew Abrutyn emailed Stow TV with an idea to create a documentary for his National Honor Society Community Service project. This is an ambitious endeavor in “normal” times, but what a challenge during the pandemic! Drew’s interest was in American history. Stow TV directed him to the SHS. The Stow Historical Society shared with Drew a list of Stow history topics, about which the society has primary sources digitized and, therefore, has the ability to share. Drew chose the Civil War.

Stow Civil War jpeg primary sources were downloaded onto a thumb drive and given to Drew, who had envisioned a Ken Burns-style of documentary. Drew outlined his sequence of topics, researched, and wrote the script, emailing it to the SHS for review. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the sequence of many narrators, was streamlined to one. This community service project is masterful and includes jpegs documenting Stow participation in the Civil War. The video concludes with the roll of sources credits, including the Stow Ancient Documents Committee and the Stow Historical Society.

Drew sent the SHS and Stow TV his documentary on Thursday, April 8, 2021. View it at



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IDpsxZQkOw&ab\\_channel=DrewFilms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IDpsxZQkOw&ab_channel=DrewFilms).

The SHS can’t wait to experience the boardwalk Drew is making for his Eagle Scout Project at the Kane Conservation Area, Gleasondale.

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### Community Perspectives Requested: NRSD Mascot change

Four **WPI** juniors have been matched with the **Nashoba Regional School District Committee** to document perspectives from the community in response to the Chieftain mascot change. This is a 7-week project, ending May 13, 2021. The students contacted SHS on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The project is to document and record attitudes and perspectives from community members in response to the mascot change. Documenting the facts, opinions, and lessons learned provides an educational and historical resource that will ensure the history of this mascot change will not be forgotten with time.

The three objectives:

1. identify the history of the mascot design in the school community;
2. document and record viewpoints of the local community and local tribes; and
3. create a timeline of the changes and actions taken within the Nashoba community.



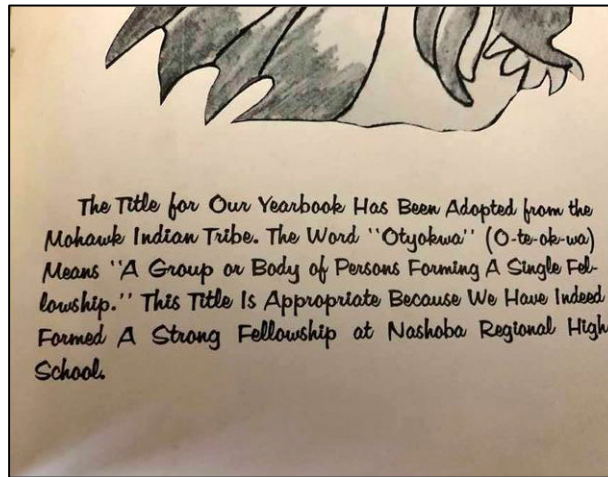
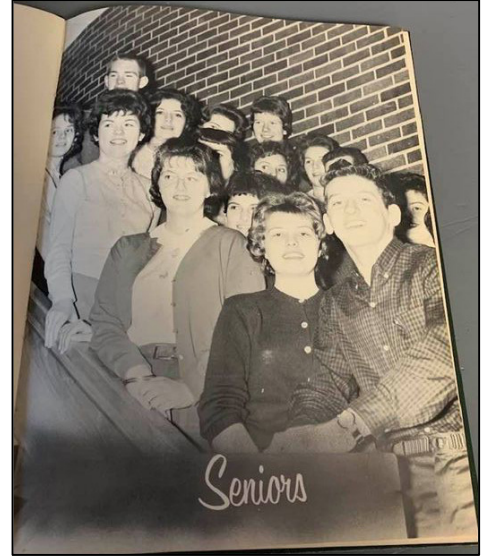
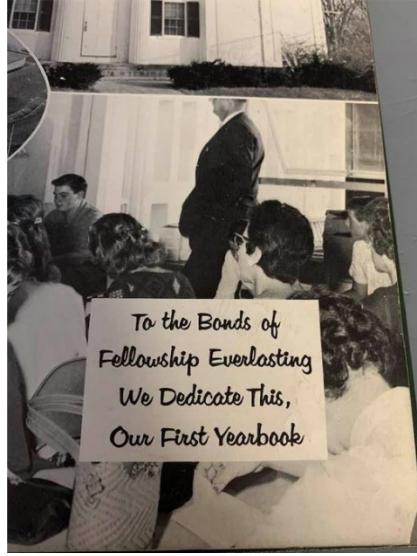
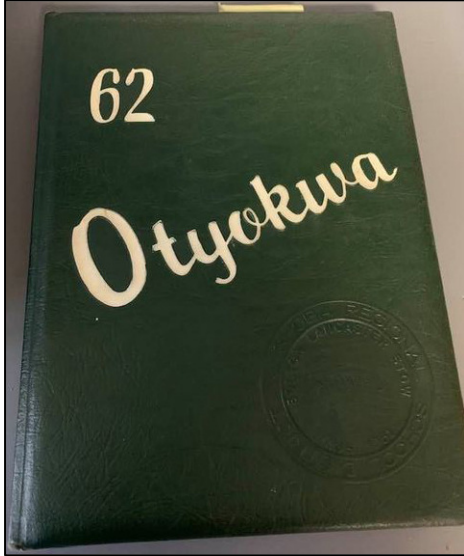
Please send your thoughts, your Chieftain jpegs, &  
yearbook jpegs of the Chieftain logo to

[gr-nashobamascot@wpi.edu](mailto:gr-nashobamascot@wpi.edu) .



The Nashoba Regional High School opened its doors in 1961.

Here are several photos from the first Nashoba yearbook.

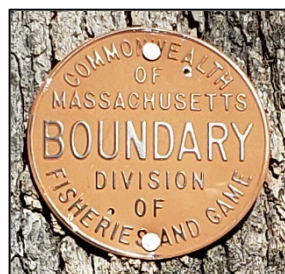


On April 9, 2021 the NRSD Committee voted to approve “Nashoba Wolves” as the new Nashoba Regional High School mascot and team name.

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**New Markers at  
The Delaney [State] Wildlife Management Area on Harvard Road**

**The old!**



**The new!**

## A Stow, MA name was on a 1929 plaque unearthed in Wareham, MA.

### IN HONOR OF

Capt. MICHAEL PIERCE of Hingham  
INDIAN FIGHTER  
1615 – 1676

Capt. THOMAS WILLIAMS of Stow, Mass.  
and Plainfield, Conn. SOLDIER  
1665 – 1723

Mr. JOHN BROWN of Taunton  
GENTLEMAN  
Died 1662

This tablet: erected by their descendant.  
MARION PIERCE CARTER  
1929



**Now Wareham will try to figure out how this plaque ended up buried in here.**

Angela Dunham, president of the Wareham Historical Society, contacted the SHS on April 3 2021, inquiring about Stow native Thomas Williams (1665 – 1723).

A Wareham news article: *History set in stone in Wareham*

<https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/courier-sentinel/2021/04/05/history-set-stone-wareham/7084467002/>

What a fun challenge for a genealogy sleuth!

- Marion Pierce Carter (1867-1946) was a lifelong resident of Attleboro, MA.
- Capt. Michael Pierce was her 8<sup>th</sup> great grandfather.
- Capt. Thomas Williams was her 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfather.
- Mr. John Brown, GENTLEMAN, was her 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather.

That Marion Pierce Carter had the genealogy of these three diverse families is amazing.

### **Another 1680's resident to add to Stow's early history**

#### **STOW'S CAPT. THOMAS WILLIAMS**

- Born in Boston 1664 or 65 – died in Plainfield, CT 1723
- Married Sarah Foster in Stow, MA, September 22, 1686. WOW! Stow was 3 years old!
- Son Thomas was born in Stow 1687.
- Son Joseph was born in Stow 1689.

Thomas Williams and family relocated to Plainfield, CT, which was being established. Thomas Williams was the surveyor. The Indian War of 1704 found Thomas Williams as ensign and then lieutenant. This story is online: <https://connecticutgenealogy.com/windham/plainfield.htm>.