



## Our Tenth Year! 2006-2016

Merry Christmas Members and Happiest of Holidays!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for, living here in the United States of America. Voting is one thing we should all be thankful for. The end of the election season is another. As difficult as it may be for some of us, let us move on and work together in peace for the good of our country. ~

At our November 16th meeting, the club members brought in toys for local needy families. We had quite a splendid display of many toy trucks, dolls, games and even a few bikes! The members voted to donate them to the Dighton Lions Club this year. Thanks to Steve and Keri Jones for handling this for us.



Also in November, the Board of Directors was seeking quotes for Accountant Services to help us file the necessary overdue forms with the MA Attorney General's office. We have decided on Katrina Kowalski of the firm Auerr, Zajac and Associates of Franklin, MA. She seemed the most knowledgeable concerning non-profits. We hope to be up to date on our all filings before April of 2016. We do not owe taxes, only informational forms to the AG's office. Our forms for the Secretary of State and the IRS are up to date.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2017:



Our next members' meeting is planned for **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7 pm at Francis Farm. (Note: there are NO MEETINGS in December, January or February) We will be nominating officers for our upcoming year in March, voting in April. As was mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Tom Soares will not continue as our President in 2017. We will need new Officers and Board Members to steer us over the bumps in the road as we maneuver down the non-profit corporate highway. That road still isn't paved yet.

Another date to add to the NEATTA 2017 Calendar is our annual Spring Show. The date will be **June 11** at Francis Farm. Other pull dates are being worked out with Francis Farm as well as our other venues and will be announced on our website <http://www.NEATTA.org> and in our newsletters.



### Some Good News:

Our dues will remain the same for 2017. A membership form will be available for download from our web page sometime in January. The form will be mailed out to members who receive the February newsletter by snail mail and it will be attached to each member's February email newsletter.

### Other Club News:

The Garden Tractor sled is being improved over the winter. Better suspension and a new operators seat will be added. The cockpit will be enlarged and there may be other repairs as needed. Up to \$1,000 was voted and approved to cover expenses.

Also, the club loader will be repaired over the winter. We have no estimates for the work needed but it is agreed that the work is necessary to improve safety of operation. The Board of Directors will be keeping tabs on the expenses.

The Garden Pullers have met to develop new pull rules. These rules are pending approval by the Board of Directors and will be published on our website.



Anyone interested in helping with the Farm Pull Division, please call Ray Morgado at 401-575-8246 or send him an email [kimray57@comcast.net](mailto:kimray57@comcast.net)  
This division is in dire need of help!



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**Merry Christmas Everyone! And all the Best in the New Year! ---Bev**

As always, for the latest announcements, check the NEATTA web page [www.neatta.org](http://www.neatta.org) our Facebook page, or call Tom Soares 508-763-8594, Brian Chasse 508-644-2627, or Bev or Jerry Baker 508-222-7109.