

Society Receives Preservation “Building Capacity” Grant from Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation—Spring 2020

The Yaphank Historical Society recently received a grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation for **\$20,000** as partial funding for “building capacity”. The grant will allow the Society to create an interactive visitor guide for use by docents and attendees at the recently restored Homan-Gerard House and Mill Complex on Yaphank Avenue in Yaphank. The ultimate goal is to create a visitor center for the entire Yaphank Historic District which extends from the Mary Louise Booth House on the east end of Main Street to the Swezey-Avey House, located at the west end of Main Street. New, updated technology (an HD-TV and sound system was installed at the Swezey House to enhance the meeting and program experience. Work will begin to install a software program and a touch-screen TV system to create an interactive experience which will help tell the story of this early Yaphank mill complex.

