

Al Pomeroy paints between the stencil lines to finish the maple leaf herald on the trail side of the caboose. **Caption and photo: Bob Norander** 

## **Progress Continues on Potter Place Caboose Repairs**

mission from the September 2022 issue tween Concord, New Hampshire, and of the Central Vermont Railway His- White River Junction, Vermont. The torical Society (CVRHS) magazine. Visit location is named for the Potter family. their website at CVRHS.com.

**The Caboose at Potter Place** By Al Pomeroy and Bob Norander

The following is reprinted with per- Boston and Maine Northern line be-

The property consists of a well preserved Boston and Maine station with museum inside, a freight house, Potter Place is a village of Andover, and general store, a short section of New Hampshire, located on the former the original mainline and sidings, and

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a B&M 50' 6" Boxcar #4503 (originally B&M 77764), itself a unique relic as it was one of eight cars converted by the addition of grain doors and used to haul spent grain. (It is possible that 4503 was used to haul residue from beer production at the Budweiser facility in Merrimack, New Hampshire.), And of course our primary subject, CV Caboose 4030.

All these properties are under the care of the Andover Historical Society, which maintains this historic site and museum.

converted into a 58-mile long bike trail Boscawen, New Hampshire.

CV4030 was sold to Frank R. Dick- Maple Leaf Scheme. inson of Proud Yankee Enterprises, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on De- ber, Bob Norander, received a report cember 1, 1971 for \$850.



The Central Vermont Railway caboose in Potter Place in September 2022, after the stencils and herald have been applied. Some painting of the exterior remains to be finished.

the Society back in May of 2018. He the car. In early 2019 I forwarded the indicated the caboose was a gift to the maple leaf files to Ed Hiller. I followed Society from Wolfeboro Railroad in the this up shortly by the other car data. 1980s and arrived in Andover in 1987.

over the years, the siding was removed and replaced, along with other repairs. With this work completed in 1989, a would start soon. Contractors found confresh coat of red paint was applied.

was time to consider painting the car,



In other Potter Place news, Fred Nystrom and Doug Colby, volunteers for the Andover Historical Society, install the horizontal "Train Order Signal" (semaphore) support beam. Caption: Lindsey Schust. Photo: Bob Norander

Today the northern mainline has been but what color to paint it? I was able to dig up photos of the car in all the paint between Lebanon, New Hampshire and schemes that had been applied in recent years, and after some internal discus-George Dutka reported that the sion the decision was made to do the

In the spring of 2018, another memthat the roof was leaking. Bob and Tim I was first contacted by Ed Hiller of Norris made temporary repairs and rec-

> ommended replacement on the entire covering. A fundraising effort for the roof was begun.

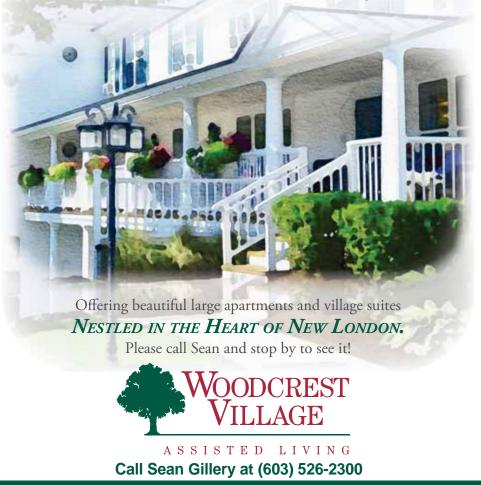
I prepared drawing files for them, based on what I knew from my own prior research on CV 4014. Ed Beaudette made color copies of the car cards from the files and sent them to me, and using the car card data I was able to identify the correct shopping dates for the paint job, as well as other servicing information, to be applied to

In April of 2020 Bob notified me that Since the exterior had badly degraded a grant had been awarded from Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts Inc. for the roof repairs and other work and siderable rot beneath the surface, requir-Since some 30 years had passed, it ing replacement of the sheeting, support

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