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members, and of course the membrane. By late October, rubber roofing was being installed to protect the car.

Bob was looking to source some orange paint for the car, but it would be spring of 2021 before I finally got him the info from my paint cans. He had difficulty in getting these paints and had to use a close substitute. They painted the car in June of 2021.

By July, they had one quote to do the lettering at a staggering \$5,580. I thought this outrageous and offered to do the lettering work for them, if they paid the expenses. The only caveat was that I could not start the work till mid-September.

Unfortunately that was not to be either, as I suffered a hand injury from an old accident that took me out of commission for a while.

There were two methods used to apply the lettering to the car. The first method utilized stencils that I was able to make from my artwork on a Silhouette Studio Machine. This is a crafter product that will cut vinyl and cardstock from a digital file. The stencil is applied to the car, and an almost dry paint roller is used to apply the paint.


The second method utilizes the artwork transferred through the use of a pounce pattern. The paper that the maple

leaf was printed on was punched out using a dressmakers pounce wheel and applied to the car using chalk. This is then painted in with appropriate colors with a brush, painting between the lines.

Fast forward to June 2022. Over approximately four days on site I have, with the help of Bob and other volunteers, applied all the historical lettering to the car. While some work still remains to finish the car, it now has its proper identity back and is attracting a lot of attention from those passing by on the Rail Trail.

**Additional Information**

The car card maintenance records mentioned in this article were donated to the CVRHS by Frank Orr. These cards trace work performed on 4030 between 1923 and 1968 and are interesting reading, especially for the railroad enthusiast.

Although considerable progress has been made since 2018, additional exterior and interior painting, reattachment of the two roof access ladders, along with window sash repairs for most of the windows remain. Those wishing to contribute to this on-going project are encouraged to send a contribution, large or small, to the Andover Historical Society Caboose Fund, PO Box 167, Andover NH 03216. 

# LETTERS

## Grateful for Help and Votes

Another successful election is wrapped up! We are impressed again and again by our wonderful town. We are so grateful to all who helped out and all who turned out to vote!

We received help and support from JJ's, the Hub, the police, the faculty, staff, and students of AE/MS, the Select Board, all of the staff at Town Hall, especially our Town Clerk, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and 28 volun-

teers who worked as ballot clerks, ballot counters, and data entry help.

We are also grateful to the voters who showed up to vote and treated all the poll workers with kindness, respect, and gratitude.

We do this for our town and for our democracy.

*Stuart Green and Lee Wells*

Moderator and Deputy Moderator

## Not Programmable

An organization, WeThePeopleNH.org, states that New Hampshire elections are vulnerable using programmable voting machines. This is a lie. Don't want to trust me? Call the Secretary of States office for the facts at 603 271-3246 or email Elections@sos.nh.gov.

Let me assure voters in Franklin and all of New Hampshire they have nothing to fear. The vote counting machines we use in this state are simply counters. They are not programmable or connected to the internet in any way. They are counting machines, period. Be careful what you read, and when in doubt, check it out!

This organization, among other things, is suggesting that people should write in anyone they want to vote for so that poll workers will be forced to hand count, as the machine kicks out any ballots that have handwritten notations on them. A business card that is circulating says, "This will override the machines and take our State back with elected officials who work for us."

As a dedicated poll worker for many years who has lived by the oath we all must take to serve, this is insulting. Poll workers work diligently to do their jobs within the law and with the best checks and balances. We are both Democrats and Republicans working side by side at every polling place. A polling place is

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