

## **Springfield Historical Society Board of Directors meeting November 15 , 2022**

Held Jim Bednar's

In attendance: President James Bednar

Vice President Pixie Hill

Treasurer Angela MacCreighton absent

Secretary Gregory Bruss

Society Board members: Alison Patten, Poul Heilmann Bonnie Fladung

Agenda and Minutes Moved Poul seconded Jim .... approved

No financial report as Angela could not attend

Recent events: reported on by Jim. Sip a soup brought in new people and good money raiser.

Wonderwell Talk was a success. Very diverse and large crowd. Idea put forward to try and repeat this next summer as to draw in the "summer people" crowd.

### Upcoming events:

December 3 Craft Fair. Looks like Jim has it well organized Bricks will have their roll out with examples and order forms ready. Membership cards and extra newsletters to handout hope to increase membership interest.

Spring Newsletter is proposed for April 1 mailing. Will include year's calendar. Decision to make it a mass mailing hoping to encourage new members and focus on the dedication of the new Shed.

Bonnie reported filming is currently on hold but there is a good list of candidates to interview.

We need to think ahead for next year's calendar and "must do" events to focus on what was most successful or what we might want to change.

Shed Report: There still is some discussion concerning what hinges will work and still stay true to the look we want to project. Fencing decisions still need to be made. Extra wood has been stored inside for the winter, expecting to make use of at least some of it in steps and storage add-on to be undertaken next year. Decision then on what to do with surplus wood will depend on that.

Holiday decorations for the museum including wreathes for doors and candles in the windows should go up by early December.

Discussion about the Historical Society's role as "steward" for the Meeting House. Ongoing issue of chair and table storage options, an upgrade of the old kitchen. Will be working with the Selectmen for town budget input. Hope to have energy audit done on the building.

### Other important business

Brick path continues in planning stage to determine installation. Needs estimate on full cost based on the yet to be presented and accepted planning design. Expectation is that this phase will be completed in the fall.

Brochure and ordering form will roll out at Craft Fair and the push to bring in orders will be connected to next summer's events as sales will be on going. Emphasis on raising money for the Scholarship Fund.

Jim reported that Fred Davis confirmed the old stove was the one in the general store moved to the old firehouse first and now currently in the new fire station. Other details about moving the stove yet to be worked out.

Anticipate a redesign of the interior display layout and a plan to rotate the collections on display with labelling to emphasize the connections to the town. Idea to "recreate" a school room look and display the multiple artifacts we have about schools in the town. The front room to have changing displays which emphasize the other aspects of the Society's collection.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 13 at 3pm Jim Bednar's Meeting adjourned 4:26