

## August 8, 2023 Springfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2023

Location: Tool Shed at Museum

Time: 3 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jim Bednar, Pixie Hill, Bonnie Fladung, Greg Bruss, Poul Heilmann and Angela MacCreighton

Poul Heilmann moved that the corrected minutes of the July Board Meeting be approved. Bonnie Fladung seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Discussion about having Pixie Hill become secretary for the historical society followed. Greg has done a fabulous job over the years, but is currently feeling the need to back off of this duty having most of the responsibility of cataloging for the historical society. Gregory Bruss moved to accept Pixie Hill's offer to become the secretary. Poul Heilmann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

With Alison Patten's resignation from the board, Jim Bednar listed 3 people who he would be approaching to fill the position. The Board prioritized the list for Jim and he will pursue the replacement.

Angela MacCreighton presented the treasurer's report, with an overall balance of \$51,236.85. About one half of the projected 200 bricks have been sold. Discussion followed about waiting until after the holiday craft sale to determine if we wanted to reach out to town business's to purchase larger size bricks to fill in the void. It was agreed to wait until after the fair to take this approach.

Bonnie reported that not much had changed with the website. Poul Heilmann suggested that the next newsletter be sent in November using it as a wrap-up for the year. A postcard announcing the Annual Meeting on Oct. 21, 2023 will be sent to members in early October. Poul suggested and the Board agreed that an ad be run in the shopper for the Ramble Round the Lake on Aug. 26 as no applications have been received to date. Jim Bednar commented that August was a tremendously busy month for the HS. Little room was available for advertising the events which could be a detriment to attendance. Discussion about thanking the sponsors ensued. No real decision about the best way to handle this was reached.

A review of past events was discussed. The Farm Kitchen Demos were a success. Two nice demonstrations of ice cream making and goat cheese making was done, with good attendance levels. The Brass Band talk was also a success, bringing new people from out of town. Sale of merchandise and donations covered the \$50 speaker fee.

Upcoming Events: Aug. 12 Bake Sale with Hot dogs and Root Beer Floats. (\$2 for dogs and \$4 for floats)

Aug. 16 Humanities Lecture on One Room School House. Angela will have the check ready for Steve Taylor, the presenter

Aug. 19, Band Concert and Spaghetti Dinner. Looking for 6 sauces to be made. 10# of spaghetti, 2 of which will be gluten free. Cost will be \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under. The group agreed

that the band should be fed for free if they wish. Jim would like to set up on Friday morning, looking for volunteers to help.

Aug. 26, Ramble Round the Lake. Jim has raised \$3000 in sponsorships and has prize bags all set to go. An ad will be run in the shopper to stimulate interest. Sign-ups at 8 a.m., race at 9 a.m.

The new tote bags are at the museum for sale. They will cost \$40. New coasters are selling well, as well as the hats.

There have been several new contacts regarding donating items to the tool shed. The Cuttings want to donate a wooden bee hive, and Bill Waddell might have some agricultural machinery. The D'Amicos donated some items from the original Protectworth Tavern, including a huge ox yoke and an axle from a stage coach that probably brought visitors to the tavern.

Poul Heilmann has changed out the hinges on the doors of the tool shed. Nice black iron hinges that add a touch of class. There are a few items left to clean up from the construction at the shed and those items will be removed shortly.

Gregory Bruss gave a tutorial to Janet Hendl who frequently volunteers at the museum on Sundays. He spent 2 hours educating her on the location of items in our collection so better service can be provided to the patrons who visit when the museum is open. (BIG NEWS: Greg found the code book to the collection, which should be of great assistance moving forward)

MCR (Museum Collector Resource) who will be assisting with the organization and cataloging of the collection provided a list of supplies needed for the upcoming meeting. Gregory is sorting through the information to see what will be needed to purchase.

Royal Monty painted the new back door to the museum, inside and out. The Great-granddaughters of the Howard Family, now with the last name of Chamber and Dejong, have donated invaluable family histories to the museum. Lots of photos of Fireside Farm (the "Murphy House") and other documents from the 1790's.

Jim brought up board absences. He will be away Aug. 27-Oct. 14. Pixie will be away for the Annual Meeting on Oct. 21, but will be sure the band, Tyler Road, is still prepared to play that evening.

It was also discussed that the Electoral College Document from 1792 donated to the SHS by the Alice Nulsen Family be returned to them with the thought of donating it to the NH Archives in Concord. This seems like a more appropriate location for this document.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the Museum at 3 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill