

December 12, 2023 Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The Dec. 12, 2023 Historical Society Meeting began promptly at 3 p.m. in the home of Jim Bednar. Board members present were, Jim Bednar, Pixie Hill, Poul Heilmann, Gregory Bruss, Angela MacCreighton and Bonnie Fladung.

Poul Heilmann moved to approve the November meeting minutes and Gregory Bruss seconded the motion. They were unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton gave the treasurer's report. Currently there is an overall amount of \$48054.86 in all of the accounts. To date 143 bricks have been sold. Discussion followed as to when the cutoff date for selling bricks should be. As the lead time for having bricks processed by Bricks R Us is about 2 weeks, the decision to finish selling bricks on May 1, 2024 was reached. Angela presented information regarding Mascoma Bank CD's with a 6-11 month maturity. Jim motioned to proceed with putting \$20,000.00 into a CD and Pixie seconded. It was unanimously approved. Angela MacCreighton will proceed with the transaction.

A short discussion followed regarding 2024. The board will need to set its priorities for the list of events it wants to undertake. This agenda item will take priority at the January 2024 board meeting. Jim mentioned that teaming up with other town committees will help our exposure and may lessen the work load. Committees mentioned were Cemetery Commission, Conservation and Kolelemook Lake Protective Association.

The cataloging project can begin any time. A key and code to the library (for access to the New Hampshire Room) will be left in the museum on the desk in the school room to the left of the front door. Gregory will set up a scheduling system. Pixie Hill suggested we look into getting a lock on the door of the New Hampshire room so nothing goes missing.

Jim Bednar indicated that he has left messages for Kevin Roberts regarding the brick laying project. Kevin would be a good resource for contractor names who could possibly help with the laying of bricks. Poul Heilmann will also check with Todd Longley regarding this. The plan is to get this completed in June/July 2024.

Because fundraising events may be curtailed slightly in 2024, Jim thought it would be a good idea to explore grants that are available. Jim will explore the Eastman Foundation and Pixie will research the Moose Plate Grants available through the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. The historical society was fortunate to receive a grant from Mascoma Bank in 2023.

Bonnie Fladung reported on the website. Visits to the site continue at a good pace. Bonnie has added some town maps. The editing project for the video taping she did this past year has been a huge time consumer. It was discussed that the Heath Heritage Fund may be able to fund in 2024 editing for the videoing that Bonnie has done.

Jim Bednar reported the Dec. 2 Holiday Fair was a success, especially for the Recreation Committee. The historical society benefited as well with sales of bricks, merchandise and Jim's creations. Almost 300 passed through the Meeting House which was a delight.

Inventory of merchandise needs to be performed, but more note cards, slate paintings and ornaments need to be ordered at some point.

The board briefly talked about spring projects for the museum. Priorities for repairs and cataloging need to take place. The barn needs to be stained and railings for the granite steps need to be fabricated.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 at the home of Jim Bednar. It will take place at 4:40 P.M. to accommodate the newest board member, Nyla Waddell.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill
Secretary/VP Springfield Historical Society