

## May 14, 2024 Springfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The May 14, 2024 historical society meeting took place in the Royal Arch Room of the town office. It began at 4:40 p.m. with the following members present: Alison Patten, Angela MacCreighton, Poul Heilmann, Pixie Hill and Nyla Waddell.

The meeting minutes from April were approved unanimously with Angela MacCreighton motioning to accept the minutes a written and Alison Patten seconded the motion.

Angela MacCreighton gave the treasurer's report. The total dollars in the various accounts total \$52,706.88. The brick sale ended on May 1, 2024 with a total of 193 bricks being sold. Bonnie Fladung will be asked to remove any brick fundraiser information from the website.

Pixie Hill reported on the recent historical society events. The Cracker Barrel and Potluck dinner on April 13 2024 was a great success. A good crowd and new faces attended the event, all bringing delicious food to share. The panel of speakers had numerous and interesting stories to share about how they landed in Springfield and what it was like to raise a family here. The Rubber Ducky Race was held on April 27. It was a beautiful day, warm and sunny with enough water to make the ducks float at a decent pace. Another good turn out by the community to support the historical society.

The next topic for discussion was the upcoming opening of the museum on May 25, 2024. Gregory Bruss and Poul Heilmann will do an interior clean up and installation of the air conditioner. Pixie Hill reported that the scholarship committee had selected 5 recipients. The following graduates received \$750 awards: Tanner Lewis, Ophelia Hill, Arden Rossi and Alexis Lynch. Calista Fuller received \$1000 as it was felt by the committee that her drive to return to school to earn a degree while raising a family should be recognized. Jim Bednar will be contacting the volunteer organizations regarding the June 22 event. It was suggested that they provide their own canopies and tables. Pixie will be cooking hotdogs over the fire. Drinks will be provided. Rain location is the Meeting House.

Pixie Hill reported on the NH Humanities lecture scheduled for Aug. 17, 2024. The hope was to have the lecture on Corbin Park, but when Pixie contacted the presenter, she reported that Sunapee was hosting the talk two days prior and she wasn't sure we would be able to draw a crowd. She reported that she had a new talk about a NH Naturalist that we might be interested in, but that the NH Humanities wasn't going to be providing funding for it until the fall. When asked what the cost would be she said she would do it for \$150 and no mileage fee. Poul Heilmann suggested we ask the Friends of the Library to share the cost and it was agreed by the board to pursue this talk if the Friends of the Library agreed to share the cost. (Pixie has since

talked to the Friends of the Library and they are on board to co-sponsor this event and the event has been scheduled with the presenter)

The cataloging project is still at a standstill. A review of the processes needs to take place before it can move forward.

Poul Heilmann and Angela MacCreighton will be in charge of ordering the bricks and doing a design layout. Jim Bednar is working on a reference book.

The donor for the Heritage Fund has agreed to the oral history of veterans project. Tamara Butcher is helping with contacting veterans about the project. A pulled pork lunch will be served. Poul Heilmann will be having a poster made for the pulled pork lunch scheduled for July 20, 2024.

The continuing discussion regarding the museum repair list resulted in Poul stating that the railings for the granite steps should be underway soon. Pixie and Alison will be staining the tool shed when time allows. Poul will ask Tim Hayes to raise the cannon onto the cement blocks that Alison provided.

When discussing the next scheduled Historical Society Meeting for June 19, it was determined that this date was not good for four of the board members and that it should be moved. The board felt it important to have a meeting in June, but the date is to be determined by Jim Bednar upon his return home.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill