

August 13, 2024 Springfield Historical Society Minutes

The August 13, 2024 Springfield Historical Society Meeting was held at the home of Jim Bednar, starting at 4:40 p.m. with the following board members present: Gregory Bruss, Jim Bednar, Poul Heilmann, Angela MacCreighton, Alison Patten and Pixie Hill.

July's Meeting Minutes were reviewed. With no changes, Alison Patten motioned to accept the minutes, Gregory Bruss seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Angela MacCreighton presented the treasurer's report. There is currently \$55,047.03 in the total treasury. The small amount of money left in the barn fund will be spent on remaining stain and walkway needs.

Jim Bednar quickly reviewed past events. He felt the placement of the Forever Locked Moose display at the summer celebration was a great asset to the historical society. Jim also spent the day selling merchandise and chatting with townfolks about the historical society. Bastille Day, Pulled Pork lunch, Cemetery Tour, Wonderwell talk by Gregory Bruss and the Springfield Forests also received good reviews from the board. The filming of the Veteran's Oral History Project had to be postponed due to the film person contracting COVID. (Since the meeting, the filming has been rescheduled for Oct. 26, 2024).

The upcoming events were also discussed. The only event in question was the Party on the Patio (scheduled for Aug. 24) as timing of the walk-way and patio project completion remains up in the air. Pixie Hill reported that only one volunteer from the 2024 scholarship recipients had responded positively to being able to assist with the Ramble Round the Lake on Aug. 17th. (5 scholarships had been awarded.)

Poul Heilmann, who is spearheading the Brick/walkway and patio project, presented design options for the patio. One was selected by the board. A motion was made to approve the spending of up to \$2000 for materials to complete the walk/patio project by Pixie Hill, it was seconded by Gregory Bruss and unanimously approved.

Jim Bednar reported that he had made the acquaintance of the Lyme Historical Society's historian. Lyme utilizes the same computer program for cataloging as Springfield so the hope will be to get some training from Lyme, NH. Jim will reach out to her upon his return in September.

The next newsletter was discussed. It will include the announcement of the Oct. 12, 2024 Annual Meeting. This should satisfy the notification requirements as stated in the by-laws. Publishing and mail date is around September 1.

The punch list for the tool shed has been nearly completed. The only remaining item is finishing the hinges and enlarging the holes so the lock pins will meet up with the holes correctly and the cupola of the toolshed needs to be stained. Pixie Hill and Alison Patten stained the ground level of the tool shed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2024, 4:40 p.m. at the museum.

Respectfully submitted: Pixie Hill, VP and Secretary