

## Springfield Historical Society Board of Directors November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. at the home of Jim Bednar. Board members present: Nyla Waddell, Angela MacCreighton, Gregory Bruss, Pixie Hill, Alison Patten and Jim Bednar. Jim introduced Melissa Patten and asked us to consider accepting her onto the board. Pixie Hill made a motion to accept Melissa Patten as the newest board member, Alison Patten seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Welcome Melissa (and thanks for everything you have already done to help the Historical Society).

Angela MacCreighton motioned to approve the October Minutes as written, Gregory Bruss seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton presented the Treasurer's Report. There is currently \$53,589.14 in all accounts. Some expenditures for the walkway have come through, so the total is lower than the September report.

Jim Bednar discussed the two recent events, the filming of the veterans and the Sip-A-Soup Lunch. The filming went well, Theresa Chamberland will be releasing some of the first products in the next couple of weeks. The Sip-A-Soup lunch and puzzle swap was a huge success. A total of \$1,116.00 was raised. Jim thinks the puzzle swap should continue into the future.

Jim suggested a rethinking of priorities in 2025. It's harder and harder to find volunteers to help and the board isn't getting any younger. The scholarship committee will meet to discuss the possibility of notifying the high school that scholarships will not be available if students have not done any volunteer work for the Historical Society. Jim confirmed the Forever Locked is reserved for the Old Home Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>, at the cost of \$150. Pixie will confirm that Twin Lake Villa will allow the duck race on Saturday, April 26 at 3 pm. Discussion followed as to the possibility of holding the NH Humanities Lecture on Corbin Park at Wonderwell. That location always seems to be a good draw. Gregory Bruss will talk with Wonderwell about possible dates they could host and Pixie will then reach out to the lecturer.

Gregory Bruss gave a short synopsis of the museum collection and the time spent organizing newspaper clippings by content, not by date. Everyone was in

agreement that this made more sense. Jim will be reaching out to the Lyme Historical Society to see if they could give a refresher course on the computer cataloging project as they use the same software.

Jim said he would be putting up the holiday candles and spotlight for the wreaths soon at the museum. Concerns over the safety of the ramp were also raised. Hopefully the Selectboard will see this as a priority and have repairs made by re-opening in the spring.

The next meeting will be on December 10, at Jim Bednar's house at 4:40 pm. (Later cancelled and next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025 at 4:00.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill, Secretary