

January 14, 2025 Springfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The January 14, 2025 Springfield Historical Society Meeting was held at the home of Jim Bednar and started at 4 pm. Board Members present: Jim Bednar, Alison Patten, Melissa Patten, Angela MacCreighton, Poul Heilmann, Gregory Bruss and Pixie Hill.

Angela MacCreighton moved to accept the November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes as written, Gregory Bruss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Angela then presented the Treasurer's report. A total of \$54,668.02 is currently in all accounts. A review of expenses vs income for 2024 was made. The income for 2024 was \$2766.64 higher than projected and expenses were \$5636.97 lower than budgeted making a net difference \$8403.61. The 2025 budget was then discussed. The same income level of \$7800 was projected. A discussion followed regarding expenses. Poul Heilmann made the motion that the Scholarship Awards should be capped at \$4000 even there are 17 Springfield residents in the graduating senior class, a higher number than usual. Pixie Hill seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (The Scholarship Committee will be meeting to discuss the qualifications for a scholarship in the coming month). The total projection for expenses in 2025 will be solidified at the February meeting.

Jim Bednar wrote a synopsis of Historical Society events for the Town Report.

Jim Bednar had prepared a possible schedule of events for 2025. The big question mark was the Ramble Round the Lake 5K Road Race. Peter Keene is unable to do the timing for the race this year, but Angela had talked to a person who was willing to do it. Angela was asked to contact this person and ask if he would be to do it on July 12th (Old Home Day). Pixie Hill felt we could draw more runners if we did it in conjunction with Old Home Day even if we are competing with the Prouty. It was agreed that our crowd was not going to be traveling to the Prouty to participate. Pixie will research a "Patriotic Talk" with NH Humanities for a possible June 14th event. The Revolutionary War Encampment and Pulled Pork Luncheon for July 26 was not approved. It is a costly event and if it is a hot day we weren't sure what the draw for a hot, pulled pork lunch would be. Alison Patten will try to organize a Farm Day with animals on July 26th instead. It was also decided that at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 4th, there would be no music following the Potluck dinner. The event would be just the meeting and the Potluck dinner.

Jim Bednar reported that the oral history project was put on hold through the holidays. The first segment of the interviewed service people would be coming soon. He will also be speaking to the Lyme Historical Society regarding the cataloging project.

It was discussed whether or not we should send 2 newsletters/year or 3. It was decided to continue with 3.

By February 1st candle lights in the museum and wreaths on the tool shed doors will be removed. Jim asked permission to give away the remaining 250th t shirts. It was approved.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 11th at 4 pm at Jim Bednar's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill