

September 9, 2025 Springfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place at the home of Jim Bednar and began at 4:10 pm. Board members present: Gregory Bruss, Angela MacCreighton, Jim Bednar, Alison Patten, Pixie Hill and Nyla Waddell. Non-member present was Tom Cleaveland.

Angela MacCreighton moved to accept the August Meeting Minutes as presented. Alison Patten seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

Angela presented the Treasurer's Report with a Sept. 1, 2025 balance of \$52,806.31.

As for recent events, on Aug. 7 Jim and Gregory went to Bellows Falls, VT to see if the historic map and mathematics book could be restored. The company will provide a quote. Jim thought such restorations could be part of a 2026 fundraiser "Preserve the past for the future" for people to "adopt an artifact." The headstone cleaning took place on Aug. 16 with very few volunteers. How to get more volunteers to be discussed. The Native American talk at Wonderwell on Aug. 27th, was very well attended. Dan Hildebrand and Gregory Bruss did a great job. On Aug. 30th, the last bake sale, hotdog and root beer float event of the season was held, with a wide selection of baked goods, making \$460.00 approximately.

Upcoming events: On Oct. 4th the Annual Meeting with a "Punch on the Patio" at 5 pm. Pixie will provide punch and Jim will arrange some munchies. The potluck supper will start at 6:00 in the Meeting House. The annual meeting will then be held followed by the premiere of "Growing up in Springfield". The Sip-A-Soup, puzzle swap and pie sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Tom Cleaveland is doing a great job keeping the website current. It was discussed that a plaque of some sort should be put in the toolshed regarding the timeline of the building of the toolshed, from harvesting and milling of the lumber, construction of the shed, walkway, patio etc. Jim said that Poul Heilmann had donated an electronic picture frame that photos could be uploaded on and it could play in the toolshed when the museum is open.

Maintenance for the museum/toolshed was briefly discussed. Alison Patten will reach out to her friend who was likely doing the supports for the rain gutters as she hadn't heard from him. The pull-down window shades, donated by Janet and Dave Hausmann, have been installed and make a huge difference in the temperature of the museum as well as protecting the collection from damaging ultraviolet light. Alison said she will put linseed oil on the cannon wheels and finish the staining of the cupola.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm. Next meeting: Tues., Oct. 14th at 4:10 pm at Jim Bednar's house.

Respectfully submitted, Pixie Hill, SHS Secretary