

October 14, 2025 Springfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The Board met on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025 at 4:10 pm at the home of Jim Bednar. Members present were Gregory Bruss, Jim Bednar, Deb and Dan Hildebrand, Angela MacCreighton, Pixie Hill, Missy Patten and Alison Patten. Dan Hildebrand motioned to accept meeting minutes from September, Gregory Bruss seconded and they passed unanimously.

Angela MacCreighton reviewed finances. To date there is \$53,400.78 in all our accounts.

The recent Potluck dinner and Annual Meeting and Premiere of Growing up in Springfield was a huge success. Good food and conversation were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Briefly discussed were the upcoming events; Sip-A-Soup on Nov. 1 and the Holiday Fair on Dec. 13. Set up for the Sip-A-Soup will take place Wed., Oct. 29 at 10 am. Jim will have only one table at the Holiday Fair, fewer poinsettias and fir arrangements.

Jim proposed a theme for 2026. The two dates the NH First Regiment offered were not good for the community, so the board decided not to book them, unless another date becomes available. Fundraising efforts will likely take place using a letter campaign soliciting donations for adopt-an-artifact that will be professionally restored. Jim asked the board to approve initiating the restoration of the map and arithmetic book. The funds raised with the letter campaign will be used to pay for the restoration, but if enough money is not raised, Jim has offered to assume the difference. Jim motioned to start the restoration of these two items, Dan Hildebrand seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Tom Cleaveland continues to monitor the website for incoming emails etc. The Garden Club approved \$50 towards the Sip-A-Soup advertising as the pie sale and wreath orders were included in the advertisement. Don Hill will put together a slide show on the tool shed construction project over the winter to be on display at the museum.

Closing up the museum was the meeting's last discussion. Some books and photo albums have been moved to the library (NH Room) so cataloging can continue during the winter months. Pixie is to take the Springfield sign in. She will also talk to Lisa Page about a sign to be made for the tool shed project. Alison will find out if the rain gutter supports have been fabricated. Alison and grandson Fletcher Labelle put linseed oil on the cannon wheels.

The board will not meet in November. The next scheduled meeting will be December 9, 2025 at 4:10 pm at the home of Jim Bednar. Meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill, Secretary