

## **March 17, 2026, Springfield Historical Society Meeting**

### **Minutes**

The Board met at the home of Jim Bednar. Members present were Jim Bednar, Pixie Hill, Gregory Bruss, Missy Patten, Angela MacCreighton, Dan and Deb Hildebrand. Jim Bednar called the meeting to order at 4:10.

The February minutes were reviewed. Pixie Hill moved to approve, seconded by Jim Bednar, and unanimously approved.

New Secretary: Jim Bednar nominated Deb Hildebrand to be the interim secretary, Pixie Hill seconded, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton reviewed the finances. To date there is \$56,438.05 in our accounts.

### **Adopt-an-Artifact Fund-Raising**

Donations for the fund raiser is ongoing. To date there is \$2,340 in the account. It was suggested that a list of donors should be displayed on a sign at the museum at the end of the campaign. The Sanborn Map restoration should be completed by May.

### **2026 Calendar of Events**

Museum events and Museum coverage: Jim Bednar will send out a calendar of events and weekend coverage requesting volunteers sign up for specific dates.

Postcard Mailing: Postcards listing the 2026 special events will be mailed to members by April 1. They will also be available at the Library, Post Office, and Town Office.

April 4, 11, and 18 Saturday mornings: Jim Bednar will sell Rubber Ducky tickets and handout Adopt-an-Artifact forms at the Post Office from 10-12.

Benedict Arnold talk will be held at the Meeting House on Saturday, April 11, at 7:00, with desserts and coffee provided by Jim Bednar, Pixie Hill, and Deb Hildebrand

Rubber Ducky Race will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 3:00. Jim Bednar has written letters to prospective sponsors for the event.

## **Communications:**

Volunteer Organizations Coordination meeting was held at Jim Bednar's home on February 21. An enthusiastic group of volunteers discussed fundraising ideas and interest in creating a Town Calendar.

Schedule for 2026 ads and newsletters: The Historical Society newsletter will be sent out in May and there will be ads in The Kearsarge Shopper in June and July for upcoming events.

Henniker Regional Web Calendar update: Dan Hildebrand will contact them about receipt of our \$50 check and to also update the regional calendar with our 2026 events.

Tom Cleaveland continues to update the website for scholarships and events, and Don Hill is working on organizing the Tool Shed slide show. The Oral History project "Going to School in Springfield" is being revised at no cost.

Cataloging project progress is ongoing at the library, NH Room, throughout the winter months. Thanks for Cylyn Reviczky, Cune Bednar, and Deb Hildebrand for their continued support in this endeavor.

The meeting ended with discussion about the tool shed and museum. Pixie Hill spoke with Lisa Page about making the sign for the tool shed. Pixie will design a sketch and share with committee members for approval. Items related to the museum will be discussed at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:10 pm at the home of Jim Bednar.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Hildebrand, Interim Secretary