

June 9, 2026, Springfield Historical Society Meeting

Minutes

The Board met in the lower level of the Springfield Library. Members present were Pixie Hill, Greg Bruss, Missy Patten, Alison Patten, Angela MacCreighton, Deb Hildebrand, and Dan Hildebrand. Pixie Hill called the meeting to order at 4:10.

The February minutes were reviewed. Angela MacCreighton moved to approve, seconded by Alison Patten and unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton reviewed finances, with \$64,593.36 in our accounts.

Thank you notes were sent to the "Adopt an Artifact" donors. To date we have received \$6,095.25 in donations. Several artifacts have been restored thanks to our generous donors.

Recent Events:

On Opening Day, May 23, at 1:00 pm, the Scholarship Award was presented to Renae Purslow. With family and friends in attendance the event was a great success. Thanks to Angela MacCreighton for providing the delicious waffles.

The Graveyard Restoration Project was ongoing throughout the week of May 27-31. With the help of volunteers in coordination with Joe Ferratini, master gravestone restorer, they were able to repair and clean 35 gravestones. The event culminated in a pulled pork luncheon at the Meeting House on May 30.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 11 - Ken Burns film presentation and discussion about the American Revolution will be held at the meeting House from 6-7:30. Refreshments will be coordinated with the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, June 28 - Spaghetti Dinner begins at 5:00 followed by Ramblin Rick's "Songs and Stories". Cost: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age.

Saturday, July 4, from 12 – 3, our United States 250th year celebration will include a bake sale, hot dogs, and root beer floats.

Saturday, July 11, Ramble Round the Lake will begin at 9:00. Volunteers are needed for the event. The Summer Festival will include the Forever Locked Moose display. Due to volunteer scheduling conflicts Greg Bruss moved that we do not participate in the parade, seconded by Dan and unanimously approved.

Artifacts displayed: The Sanborn map and Calvin Coolidge letter are on display at the Museum. Ongoing projects, include the Arithmetic Book, Springfield Postcards, and Digitizing Films. The reframed pictures will soon be displayed in the Museum.

Communications:

Ads in Shopper: One has been entered and two will be submitted for the race and the NH regiment events.

Tom Cleaveland continues to update the Website and YouTube. He will add the race form to the website. Email notifications need to be coordinated with Greg Bruss.

Thanks to Don Hill, the Tool Shed artifacts slide show is now on display at the Museum.

Oral History project "Going to School in Springfield" is completed. It will be presented at the Annual meeting in October.

Merchandise: Christmas ornaments will be made by Alison and Missy Patten.

Museum/The Tool Shed

The floor and ceiling bolts have been repaired. John Hammond has the brackets ready for the gutters. Pixie will work on the Tool Shed sign project.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 30, at 4:10 at Bednar's. There will be no meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Hildebrand, Interim Secretary