

**NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2022
(in the warming hut)

Attendance: Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Francine Provost, Dave Hall, Moe and Christy Gilchrist, Lara Houghton-Robinson, Chip and Lee Woods

The meeting was called to order by Richard Willard at 6:25 p.m.

(A scheduled meeting with Chris Merrill of the Springfield Recreation Department was rescheduled to the next meeting on June 7, 2022.)

April Minutes

Minutes of the April 2022 meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the report for March 2022 which was distributed to members. After expenses and income for April the treasury stands at \$20,106.58 until audit.

Old Business

Building Repair

-- Slate Roof Repair

After checking the condition of the slates on the roof, Dave reported that there is a leak in the roof near the north chimney. There is a standing estimate of about \$13,000 from the Melanson Co. to repair the slate roof. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to enlist the Melanson Co. to schedule the repair of the slate roof. Dave will contact their representative to set it up and will let us know when it will be done.

-- Special note: Dave spoke to the town manager about the need for funding sources and was told that town administrators would alert our organization about available grants.

-- Trail and Grounds cleanup

Dave and Richard recruited friends to volunteer to brushhog the perimeter of the upper field. On April 30 they completed about half of the perimeter and will set a date to complete the remainder in the near future. We also hope to discuss this with the recreation department director at the forthcoming meeting in June. Francine continued to groom the front lawn flower beds.

Tag Sales

The tag sales for the year are as follows: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 17 (tentative), and October 8 (Old Home Day). The tag sales will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each sale will be preceded by a setup day the Friday before from 2 to 4 p.m. Ginny posted a sign on the bulletin board in the back entrance. (*Note:* There may be a conflict with the Sept. 17 sale as it coincides with the Chester Craft Fair weekend, which may compete with it. For now, the date remains as set but may be further discussed.)

The next sale (the first of the season) is set for Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Moe will put the signs out on Monday, May 9. Volunteers are welcome to help set up and take down the sale, as well as assist with ongoing work.

Lara volunteered to send calendar notices about the yard sale to local publications, including the Springfield Reporter, The Vermont Journal/Shopper, the Valley News, The Eagle Times and other appropriate publications.

Facebook Updates

Lara has volunteered to revamp the North School Face Book page. She recommended creating a more user-friendly page for North School and was encouraged to do so. The new page would be separate from the “business page” that now exists. The new page would be more accessible to friends and contacts. She will keep us posted about her progress.

Adjournment

There being no new or other business introduced, the meeting was motioned and approved for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the warming hut.