

**NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
July 5, 2022**

Attendance: Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Francine Provost, Dave Hall, Moe and Christy Gilchrist, Margery Burbank

The meeting was called to order in the warming hut by Richard Willard at 6:30 p.m.

June Minutes

Minutes of the June 2022 meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the report for May 2022 which was distributed to members. After income, which included proceeds from the June yard sale and donations, and expenses, which included payment to Melanson Co. for the repair of the slate portion of the roof (\$11,4888.85), the treasury stands at \$11,467.65 and will stand for audit.

Old Business

Building Repair

-- Slate Roof Repair

Melanson Co. completed the repair of the slate portion of the roof. Total roof repairs, including the central membrane, which was repaired previously by Melanson, and the latest repair of the slate portions complete the entirety of the roof. The roofing contractor has advised us that the chimneys are in need of restoration. This repair is tabled until the treasury can support such an expenditure.

-- Next Projects

The next projects will be restoration of the front and rear entrances. Estimates on these repairs will be tabled until the treasury can support them. Meanwhile, Dave suggests painting the front pillars and some details on the front entrance. Help from members is welcome.

Grounds Cleanup

Dave pulled the stumps from the previously cleared perimeter of the field and removed the debris. NSPS would like someone to donate about 10-20 bales of free mulch hay to cover the cleared area. Donors would be eligible for a tax deduction on the donation. Please contact Dave if you are potential donor or know of someone who is.

Recreation Department Coordination

Members agreed to compile a list of items that could be maintained by the recreation department in an agreement for the use of the park and grounds. Meeting to compile the list will be informal.

Tag Sale July 9

Plans were discussed for preparation of the upcoming yard sale on July 9. A large new donation was received in the past week and a half, and members have been busy transporting, sorting and pricing it. Ginny has added new items to the NS Facebook post

and has sent calendar listings to the local newspapers. Setup for the sale will be Friday, July 8, from 2-4 p.m. Members will also be at the school as available during the week to sort and price items.

Miscellaneous Business

-- Sandwich board display signs

NS has five old heavily constructed sandwich board signs which have been replaced by lightweight yard sale signs. Members expressed an interest in selling them. Richard has been notifying the Franklin County Fair organizers in Massachusetts that they are available for sale. He will photograph them and relay the specifics to the potential buyer during the July 9 yard sale.

-- Reunion with Dottie Garland

A reunion was held on Sunday, July 19, for longtime member Dottie Garland, who has moved to New Jersey. Her daughter and family met with NS members and friends from North Springfield to celebrate Dottie's visit during the Springfield Alumni Day weekend. During the reunion Richard escorted some former graduates of the North School and their family members to see the inside of the school. Those who toured enjoyed the building, reminisced and bought some items from the yard sale things in the building. Photos of Dottie and the event attendees, if available, would be appreciated for the organization archives, as well as to send to Dottie.

Adjournment

There being no other business introduced, the meeting was motioned and approved for adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the warming hut.