

# **North School Preservation Society**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

### **December 6, 2022**

Attendance: Francine Provost, Ginny Ricker, Dave Hall, Richard Willard

Prior to the meeting, BJ Esty, on behalf of the Weathersfield School, introduced herself to request use of the park and warming hut at the North School for upcoming recreation days for the Weathersfield students. Permission was granted for the use of the park and the hut on consecutive Friday afternoons (Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3,10). Ginny will coordinate the use of the hut key with BJ when needed.

Francine called the annual meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Francine and Ginny reviewed the accomplishments and activities of the organization for the prior year. Highlights included: the repair of the slate portion of the school building roof, an expensive project happily completed and paid for; front entrance door repainting and window repairs, restoration of the "North Springfield Graded School" heading over the entrance, and restoration and painting of the front entrance pillars (all mostly executed by Dave Hall); clearing the perimeter of the upper soccer playing fields and removal of brush and debris (a project overseen and executed by Dave Hall with help from volunteers); completion of six successful yard sales which netted a record income over previous years; and miscellaneous minor repairs inside and outside of the building.

### **Annual Treasurer's Report**

Ginny distributed the annual report to members. Expenses for the year exceeded income, primarily due to the expenditure of \$11,488.85 for repair of the slate roof on the building. Other expenses, including trash removal, insurance and electricity, were higher than previously. However, these expenses were greatly offset by income from donations and yard sales which were greater than in previous years. As a result, the treasury stands at \$14,974,72, a deficit of \$5,394,48 from 2021. All agreed that in view of

the expenses, especially for the roof repair, maintaining the current treasury sum is a noteworthy accomplishment, and all members, donors and volunteers are gratefully thanked.

## **Membership**

The annual membership promotional mailing is pending. Current membership renews in January.

## **December Business**

- November minutes were motioned and approved.
- The Treasury to Dec. 2, 2022, as mentioned above, stands at \$14, 074.72 and will stand for audit.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

An episode of vehicular vandalism occurred in November. A white SUV was driven violently and erratically into and around the driveway and parking lot, ultimately crashing into the corner of the stone retaining wall at the entrance to the parking lot. A great deal of damage was done, estimated to be over \$2,000. The incident was caught on the security camera and Dave Hall intercepted the video, which was eventually uploaded online. Dave reported it to the police and subsequently procured an estimate for the damage. When the police report is received, the estimate will be forwarded to the insurance company of perpetrator, who was able to be positively identified.

Thus concluded the annual meeting business, and the meeting was motioned and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. in the warming hut.*