

## **North School Preservation Society Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2024**

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

October '24 Minutes were motioned and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ginny presented the October treasurer's report, which included income from the October yard sale and regular expenses. She also provided a year-to-date (Jan. 1 – Nov. 3, 2024) report showing profit and loss overall. The reports will stand for audit.

### **Old Business**

Dog park – NSPS has requested an additional clause to the proposed lease for the park: The Town has been asked to accept full insured liability for the entire park when drafting the upcoming lease.

Building and grounds – Dave has removed some fallen trees above the upper field and has repaired the toilet in the boys' bathroom in the hut. He recommends that the faulty sump pump in the basement of the school building be replaced and was granted permission to replace it when necessary.

Insurance renewal update – Ginny has received notice from the current insurance provider (Scottsdale Insurance Co.) informing NSPS of updated insurance requirements in which coverage for property insurance will only be granted if the replacement value of the building is covered. This would mean ensuring the building for \$1.5 million at a cost of \$923K. Members agreed that NSPS would no longer be able to provide property insurance for the building and would not renew that portion of the policy.

Renewal of the liability insurance for the property overall will cost \$3360.23 and additional detailed forms must be submitted to do renew it. Ginny will

share the forms with Francine and Richard in an effort to complete them. The deadline for renewal is the end of this November. Ginny has contacted the Preservation Trust of Vermont to see if their organization has access to insurance providers who help Vermont nonprofit organizations, but they have not yet responded.

November Yard sale – There will be a yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with setup Friday, Nov. 8, noon-2 p.m. It was agreed that the sale will be indoors in the school building and the warming hut with no tents set up outside. Members will set up Christmas items in the hut. Friday setup will include pricing and organizing indoor items and as yet unmarked items in the hut. Richard will man the cash box in the hut and Ginny will handle sales in the building. Dave put signs in the usual locations on Monday, Nov. 4.

### **New Business**

Bus stop bench - A proposal was made to either move a picnic table or install a bench in front of the building near the front park sign in order to provide a place for busstop commuters to wait for the bus there. After discussion and consideration of permitting, liability and security issues members agreed that it would not be feasible for the organization at present.

Next meeting – The next meeting, the Annual Meeting, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in the hut. A motion was made and approved to change the time of the meeting from 6 p.m. to 2 p.m. that day in order to enjoy daylight.

The business of the meeting being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

*Next Meeting (Annual Meeting): Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. in the hut.*