

**North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2025, 6 p.m.**

Attendance

NSPS members: President Richard Willard, Vice President Francine Provost, Treasurer Ginny Ricker, Trustees Dave Hall and Margery Burbank, Fred and Linda Kingsbury

Guests: Springfield Town Manager Jeff Mobus; Lions Club members President Joe Wilson, Ken Millay, Mike Martin

Dog Park Update

The first order of business was a discussion of the proposed dog park at the recreation park. Lions Club members distributed maps of the proposed dog park and an updated lease agreement between the Town of Springfield and NSPS. These were reviewed by members and the town manager. Some minor revisions were suggested and agreed upon by those present. The revised lease agreement will be distributed to the signatories before April 1 for finalization. Their business being concluded, the guests left.

Richard proceeded to open the regular NSPS March business meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes of the December NSPS meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the treasurer's reports for January and February, which showed no activity save for payment of regular monthly bills.

Ginny distributed the proposed projected budget for 2025, which was estimated from the most recent year-to-year income and expenses for the organization. If the organization's activities are consistent with previous year's activities and expenditures, the organization hopes to realize a minor overall income in 2025. However, the increasing expense of property and

liability insurance may prevent any realized gains, and renewal of the current insurance policy will have to be addressed.

The monthly and annual budgets will stand for audit.

Old Business

Property Maintenance

Dave advised members about large trees which were accidentally felled onto North School property by a neighbor who had their own trees removed. The trees felled on North School property are large and are infringing on the upper park borders, where they may interfere with the recreation park area. If they can be sectioned and removed, they may provide a supply of wood for fuel in the hut and other uses. Dave will advise about their removal.

Building Issues

Dave contacted the fire department regarding a faulty outside light on the building, which he then repaired.

Bibens Hardware donated to NSPS a number of shelving units that were deacquired when the business was sold. Dave repainted some which are now in the hut, and they remain to be installed in the building when a decision is made for their best location. Volunteers may be needed to help move them.

Dave advised members that the window in the warming hut needs to be replaced.

Volunteers and Membership

There have been no developments regarding volunteers or new members.

Fundraising Activities

The primary fundraising activities consist of the monthly yard sales and an annual car show. The following dates were set for this year's yard sales:

May 11; June 21; July 12; August 9; September 6; October 4; November 1.

Dave has initiated some additional fundraising through selective online sales which have proved successful. He will continue to explore this fundraising option with members' approval and availability of appropriate merchandise.

2nd Annual Car Show – Richard continues to contact car clubs and will advise members of an appropriate date to schedule the car show this year.

There being no new or miscellaneous business the meeting was motioned, approved and adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 6 p.m. in the warming hut.