

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

Attendance: NSPS members: President Richard Willard, Vice President Francine Provost, Treasurer Ginny Ricker, Trustee Dave Hall. Guests: Lions Club members Mike Martin, Ken Millay, Joe Wilson

Prior to the meeting, NSPS members and Lions Club members walked the upper field in the park and roughly staked out the perimeter of the dog park. Returning to the warming hut, Richard signed the dog park lease agreement in the company of NSPS members and Lions Club members. The Lions Club members left, and the meeting proceeded.

The NSPS monthly meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

**Minutes** of the April 1 meeting were motioned and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ginny distributed the Treasurer's report for April. After income including some online sales and expenses including the monthly electric bill, the report stands for audit.

**Old Business**

Building and Property Update:

Members authorized Dave to purchase supplies and replace the warming hut window.

Members authorized Dave to find and install a utility sink in one of the hut bathrooms.

Dave continues to remove downed trees and clear brush above the upper field and around the border of the playground.

Dumpster – Dave negotiated seasonal free charitable dumpster pickup and delivery from Alva Waste by welding and salvaging a dumpster for NSPS use. This eliminates the cost for waste disposal fees.

Insurance issues

Ginny has been notified by the insurance company regarding updating the liability insurance when the dog park is installed, The issue is pending liability responsibility by the Town on behalf of the dog park and park grounds and will be decided when the dog park is installed.

Car Show

Richard updated members about the show. He has had responses from two car clubs and an individual wishing to participate. It was suggested that the event be called a "Car Cruise" in that it would not require awards for showing cars. The date for the

event was set for Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the car event, members will make the building open for sales.

#### Grout Family Reunion

Richard has secured rental of the park and premises for the annual Grout Family Reunion on Saturday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. NSPS members agreed to prepare the warming hut for the use by reunion members.

#### May Yard Sale

The first yard sale of the year is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Setup will be Friday, May 9, noon-2 p.m. Pending the weather forecast for the weekend, the set up and sale will take place entirely indoors unless conditions become favorable.

#### Volunteers and Membership

The organization needs increased membership and volunteers, especially for conducting administrative and outreach activities. Online expertise is needed and welcome, and helping hands are needed to sort, clean and haul merchandise for yard sales. Suggestions were discussed, although solutions remain elusive.

#### **Miscellaneous Business**

Richard received a letter from Judy Parker Turmail, a descendant of the Parker family who donated the North School property to the town in the mid-1900s. She included a generous monetary donation and various archival photographs pertaining to the property.

The business being concluded with this, the meeting was motioned and adjourned at 7 p.m.

*Next meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 6 p.m. in the warming hut.*