

## Nov. 14, 2018 250<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

The 250<sup>th</sup> Meeting began at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House on Four Corners Rd. Community members present were Pixie and Don Hill, Dick Hendl, Sue and Keith Cutting, Poul Heilmann, Brandt Denniston, Happy and Leigh Callaway, Donna Tibbetts, Maryanne Petrin, Fred Davis, Marla Binzel, Bill Sullivan, Alice Nulsen, Jim and Cune Bednar, Janet Lebrecht, Trudy Heath, Lynette Johnson and Emily Cleaveland.

Chairman Don Hill welcomed the group and congratulated the Sip-a-Soup committee on a job well done. It was enjoyed by everyone and the Meeting House was set up in a wonderful fashion, with art work on display from two local and talented artists, Sara Ellis and Diane Richardson. Both artists had contributed to the 250<sup>th</sup> logo.

Next order of business was accepting the meeting minutes from the Oct. 10, 2018 meeting. Donna Tibbetts motioned to accept, Leigh Callaway seconded and they were unanimously approved. Leigh Callaway then gave the treasurer's report. At this point \$52494.96 has been raised and after expenses there is a total of \$34, 310.61 in the treasury. The \$3000 for the firework display on January 5, 2019 has been paid for which was one of the biggest expenses facing the group. New merchandise has also been purchased and the goal is to now sell what we have before investing in more.

Don Hill gave a brief update on the lift for the Meeting House. One meeting with the architect has taken place and an initial draft of the plan has been made. There will soon be another meeting with the architect and one of the lift manufactures to better design the space needs for the lift. Further details will be forthcoming.

Poul Heilmann handed out a colorful calendar of events for the 2019 Celebration year. The goals of the coming year were outlined. The first being-Celebration, participation and fun. Energize the community!! Second goal is to provide something for everyone. Third is to make the Meeting House the center of activity when possible and lastly is the fund raising element. Most events in 2019 will be free and fun, there will be a couple of fundraisers to help with expenses along the way. Emily Cleaveland then presented a spread sheet ranking each event to show how we did on reaching the goal. It showed that the objectives for the coming year were right on target.

Poul Heilmann gave an update on available merchandise. As mentioned previously, the zippered, hooded sweatshirts are now available and all clothing now has the 2XL and 3XL sizes available. The hope is to have a great turnout for the Christmas Craft Fair and sell the commemorative coins and ornaments. Pixie Hill followed with an update on the Commemorative License Plate that the State of NH DMV has authorized. 50 plates were ordered and will be sold as soon as they arrive at the town office for \$20. Judging by the response from the people in attendance, these will sell out quickly and possibly another 50 will have to be ordered. The plate can be mounted, so as to cover the front license plate as long as the owner of the plate is carrying the letter from the DMV saying this is ok.

Jim Bednar talked about the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday Dec. 1 from 9-2 p.m.. At least 12 local craftspeople from Springfield will be in attendance. Music, hot mulled cider, cookies and handmade wreaths from the Springfield Garden Club will be available. This will be a festive event and advertising is taking place now.

Don Hill spoke regarding the Big Bang Birthday Party on January 5, 2019 (snow date of Jan. 6). It will begin at the Meeting House at 2:30 p.m.. There will be games for the children, birthday cake, a musical entertainer and a historical re-enactment presented by the historical society. Following the time spent at the Meeting House, a procession to the camp fire will begin. The camp fire will be on the grassy area in front of the Fire Station. There will be a sing-song by the fire. People can file into the fire station for home cooked Chile and hotdogs. There will also be a live band at the fire house for more entertainment. At approximately 5:30 people can go outside to watch the Big Bang Fireworks display being set off over the Rec. Field. Sign-ups for set-up and decorating of the Meeting House took place,

servers for cake, cooking of Chile and servers for Chile and hotdogs at the Fire Station. Every sign-up sheet was filled up rapidly.

Pixie Hill gave a brief update on the Parade Committee for Old Home Day. It was discussed that some funding for the parade may need to come from the 250<sup>th</sup>, but figures are to be forthcoming. Lots of additional reinforcements for the parade will be necessary like the stage coach, bands, clowns etc. The parade theme is "Celebrating Springfield: Past, Present and Future". Sign-up sheets and liability release forms are being designed now. Emily Cleaveland gave an update on the Old Home Day Entertainment Committee. Additional scheduling of special events is going to take place. The library is hoping to offer a puppet show, the Conservation Commission is hoping to have a special presenter. Lake Kolelemook Protective Assoc. is hoping to give boat rides on the lake during the afternoon hours. And a Springfield Band is hoping to play between the lull of 3 and 5 p.m. before the Chicken BBQ. The DHART helicopter is hoping to be on location for about an hour and it is the hope of the committee to get the Forever Locked Moose display here as well, seeing as how the moose were found in Springfield.

Don Hill gave an update on the Collin's Park Project. The Conservation Commission, Historical Society, Garden Club and Deb and Charles Midgett, landowners adjacent to the Park all met to discuss the plan for improving the area with pathways, picnic tables etc. Significant progress was made. Deb and Charles Midgett would like to see if there is a way to reroute the right-of-way so it doesn't pass through the middle of their driveway. Additional legal counsel will be needed for that. It was a positive meeting and there is a large group interested in improving this town land.

Leigh Callaway presented ideas from the Time Capsule Committee. The hope will be to store the time capsule in the police station, clearly marked "Not to be Opened until Jan. 7, 2069". Angela MacCreighton will take the lead on having children fill out a letter to themselves and hopefully some of them will still be in Springfield in fifty years to actually read them aloud. Poul Heilmann will prepare a photo album of the events from the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Memorabilia from the 250<sup>th</sup> will also be stored like the DMV license plates, commemorative coin, Christmas ornament, artwork of the logo, assessment cards and photos of some properties in town and a list everyday items and their prices from 1969 and present. Springfield Historical publications and newsletters will also be placed in the time capsule. A suggestion box will be placed in the Post Office and Town Office for more ideas that would be simple to implement.

Poul Heilmann finished the meeting with a list of dates for the general 250<sup>th</sup> Meetings in 2019. They are as follows: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, April 24, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. The floor was opened up for new business, comments and suggestions.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.. The next meeting is Dec. 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.. Stay tuned for the location as the Meeting House may be closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pixie Hill