

**North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2025**

Attendance: Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Dave Hall, Francine Provost, Fred & Linda Kingsbury, Tyce Kingsbury

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

Minutes of the October 7 meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the report for October showing income from the October yard sale and sales from Facebook Marketplace. Expenses included materials for the access ramp for the warming hut and the monthly GMP bill. The report stands for audit.

Old Business

Dog park – The opening event for the dog park was Oct. 11, 2025. Since that time the park has enjoyed success with many people and dogs participating.

Insurance – Ginny distributed quotes to renew the NSPS insurance policy with The Richards Group. Because the Town of Springfield has included the recreation park and dog park on its liability coverage, NSPS liability coverage is limited to the school building and its organizational liability, which reduces its otherwise greater cost. Thus, this year's liability premium was quoted at \$1,605.30.

The annual premium quote for property insurance is \$4,121.59, which would provide compensation of \$250,000 for total loss, which does not represent total value of the property, which is estimated to be several million dollars. Members discussed this and agreed that the cost of insuring the property outweighs its value. Thus, it was agreed that NSPS would not renew the property portion of the policy. Ginny will advise members on the final payment and any residual costs, if any.

It was also agreed that NSPS does not need to accept a nominal cost of a “terrorism” clause to apply.

Building and Grounds

Main Building and Hut – Dave purchased and installed a chimney cap for the hut to protect the hut from rain water damage.

He also recommended critical repair of the broken foundation bricks on the side of the building as well as removal of the basement windows on the back of the building, where a solid wall will prevent damage and vandalism.

Dave will consult a stonemason and get a quote on the suggested repairs.

Dave has also recommended that the Plexiglas on the North School Recreation Park sign on the front lawn be replaced.

New Business

Yard Sales 2026 – Members reviewed the previous year’s sales and discussed ways to streamline sorting and processing incoming donations for next year’s sales. It was agreed that in the future, unprofitable donations not fit for processing should be immediately recycled, given up or discarded prior to processing.

Nominations for 2026-'27 Board of Directors – According to NSPS bylaws, the 2025 annual meeting is designated as an election meeting. Officers hold 2-year terms, the most recent of which ends this year. Members submitted the following nominations for the 2026-'27 Board of Directors (to be voted on at the December 2025 meeting):

President – Richard Willard

Vice President – Francine Provost

Treasurer – Ginny Ricker

Secretary – no nominees

Trustees: Dave Hall; Margery Burbank; Moe Gilchrist.

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

*Next Meeting (**Annual Meeting**), Tuesday, December 2, 6 p.m. in the hut.*