

Duties and Goals of the Springfield Historical Society Updated 2008

Immediate and Ongoing Goals: (Subject to Change)

1. Encourage membership of residents and increase vitality of the Board.
2. Entertain ideas for getting younger people involved in the Springfield Historical Society.
3. Record the oral history from present residents and others with memories of Springfield.
4. Encourage ideas from the membership.
5. Investigate ways that the society can work with other town organizations, such as but not limited by, the library conservation and cemetery committees.

On-Going Duties of the Springfield Historical Society:

1. Continue collecting, preserving, and filing photographs and information about life in Springfield.
2. Continue gathering information concerning the summer residents.
3. Continue using an annual appeal, when necessary, for funds or participation in the historical society.
4. Encourage gifts and loans of memorabilia pertaining to Springfield history.
5. Preserve Center School as the home of the Springfield Historical Society.
6. Continue to encourage volunteers to be host/hostesses at the historical society for designated hours during the summer months.
7. Provide for lectures of historical significance to Springfield.
8. Continue to aid the town in locating, restoring, and documenting the cemeteries.
9. Continue publishing the quarterly newsletter.
- *10. Continue recording programs by DVD or updating by whatever the current method might become, and also compiling data of the historical documents.
11. Continue compiling and publishing from time to time pamphlets of material on Springfield dealing with its social, economic, and political history.
12. Respond to genealogy requests.
13. Continue improving presentation of artifacts, accessibility of material, and rotating displays at the museum.
14. CONTINUE THE SHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.
15. ENCOURAGE INTERESTED MEMBERS IN PLANNING A GARDEN FOR THE MUSEUM GROUNDS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE CURATOR.

Long Range Goals:

1. Install historic markers on town buildings and other public sites as stated in the constitution.
2. Trace genealogies and computerize lists of families living in Springfield from the earliest days of incorporation.
3. Assist residents in year dating their homes.

4. Gather information about the several religious groups in Springfield's past.
5. Encourage interested members in planning an herb garden for the society grounds. (THIS BECOMES #15 UNDER ONGOING GOALS.)
5. To replace above #5. BE AWARE OF NEED TO PROTECT SPRINGFIELD'S OLD STONE WALLS AND GRAVESTONES WHICH MAY BECOME A PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE.

Completed Goals:

1. Aided restoration and registration of the Meeting House as a historic site, thanks to the efforts of Robert Moore and Dan Dailey.
2. Revised the Springfield Historical Society Constitution and By-Laws, 2007-2008.
3. Established a logo for the Springfield Historical Society based on the bicentennial coin designed by Terry Davis.
4. Established the Springfield Historical Society Museum at Center School.
5. Restored the Town Pound in Old Pleasant View Cemetery and had a sign made to designate the area.
6. Established logo printed onto writing paper and museum pictured note paper.
7. Produced a Pictorial History of Springfield, 1998.
8. Received as a gift from Nancy Belfield Bower, museum cases given in memory of her father and uncles.
9. Shared town funding for the painting of the museum and repairs to the porch, 2003-2004.
10. Paved parking lot at the museum by the town.
11. Purchased a microfilm reader to use with the town records recently microfilmed.
12. Purchased historical papers of Springfield found in upstate New York.
13. Published Springfield Stories in 2004.
14. Established a Scholarship Fund, 2007.
15. Established a financial system for the Springfield Historical Society by treasurer, Brandt Denniston.
16. Repairs and repainting of the museum was financed by the town, 2007.
17. ESTABLISHED PLAQUES IN RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.
18. ESTABLISHED PLAQUES FOR PEOPLE REMEMBERED WITH THE MEMORIAL FUND.
19. ESTABLISHED PLAQUES IN RECOGNITION OF PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.
20. IMPROVED GROUNDS OF THE MUSEUM BY REPLACING THE OVERGROWN HEDGE WITH A SPLIT RAIL FENCE, AND REPAINTING THE FLAG POLE.
21. REPAINTED THE LETTERS IN THE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL.