

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2015

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:03 at the Swezey Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas
Barbara Hoff
Vana McClure
Robert Kessler
Jean Hartling
Tom Gaidry
Bonnie Cornett
Mildred Zimmermann

Van Johnson
Jeffrey Davis
Tom Gaidry
Chris Reilly
Betsy Bloomer

Guest:

Mike Segreti, Astoria Bank

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

The members in attendance introduced themselves. Maryanne introduced Mike Segreti from Astoria Bank.

Approval of Minutes

A correction to the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting that had been previously distributed by email was submitted by Bob Kessler. He said the proper name of the house was the Swezey Avey House, not the Avey Swezey House. Barbara Hoff and Bob Kessler moved to approve the minutes, which were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email. Total assets are \$8,432.18. The report will be filed plus the accompanying documents will be filed.

Chris covered the following:

- We need to maintain 85%. We cannot have more than 15% expenses during the year.
- We don't need a CPA audit because we have under \$250,000.
- If we receive federal grants then we need a CPA audit.
- The Board needs to vote to accept financial report.
- 73% of funds received came from a one time donation from Randy Davis.
- Membership dollars were down in 2014 because lifetime memberships were bought in 2013.
- The September yard sale made more money than the plant sale considering the amount of work involved.
- We need to focus on cash flow.

He went through his recommendations for 2015 that were on the material he had emailed previously to the board regarding insurance, securing government grants, fundraising events, etc. which were discussed by the Board.

A vote was required for financial certification that the Board accepts the information as accurate - Maryanne called for a vote for accepting the certification. The Certification was accepted and the Financial Statement Certifications for 2013 and 2014 were both signed by Maryanne Douglas, President, Betsy Bloomer, Secretary, and Christopher Reilly, Treasurer. A copy of the signed certification is filed.

Membership Report

- It was decided that if new members join at the beginning of year it will be full price. After June, new members will pay half. The Board voted to accept this plan.

Historian – Mildred passed around *The Review* (Colonial Dames XVII Century) to show the article about the October 25th Marking.

Other

- Maryanne asked Tom Gaidry if he wanted to stay on in his position. He said he will stay.
- Maryanne said we have another Board seat open vacated by Kathrine Soscia. Maryanne and Betsy moved to elect Barbara to fill the spot. This was approved by a majority vote.
- Maryanne said we need to at least have liability insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Quotes:

Bennett quote - \$850

Deremer Agency (Yaphank's Insurance) –

Director's insurance: \$491

Aggregate - \$1,000,000: \$425

- Maryanne feels strongly that we should get the liability insurance.
- Mildred suggested letting Jeff investigate and it was decided to table the question.
- Jeff would like her to email him with exactly what we want him to ask.
- Do we need an additional policy in addition to what Town has?

There was some discussion about who can do the work. Can we use the Town's architect? The Town does not have an architect of its own.

Accountant quote

- Jill Saunders - said we need to do postcard [Note: this is for the federal Y/E filing with the IRS and is already being done]

Maryanne read to Board a letter of support received from Historical Board of Town of Brookhaven.

Bob mentioned that we need to make sure we can do everything on the Lease before we sign it.

Maryanne presented the architect's report which she just received.

Van said the leak is now very serious and has become a major leak and that daylight can be seen. It has been raining on the new construction.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be Monday Feb 2 at 7:00.

The January 23 meeting at Steve Englebright is at 2:00 pm.

Maryanne, Betsy, Bonnie, Jeff, Barbara, Bob, Mildred. Maryanne will send emails to give address and reminders.

The Building Committee meeting will still be at 7:00 on January 19th.
Jeff, Van, Mildred, Vana, Bob, Betsy, Jean, Barbara

Town Board meeting on January 8 – Van and Bonnie will go. Will be at Town Hall auditorium, on 2nd floor.

Van brought up the issue of Fire Protection. Many years ago a fire alarm system was put in the Davis House. Renovations destroyed the system and a new system was put in. Everything worked fine and it rang at the firehouse. He heard at the Christmas tree event that it is not connected to the firehouse. He did his own research and found out a company called Superior made changes to the dialer. Then a new company called Diamond was hired by the Town to handle all fire systems in all Brookhaven buildings. He said it would go up very fast if a fire got started. He said it really needs a sprinkler system. If something happens now the alarm goes to the central county dispatcher instead of to the firehouse.

Maryanne adjourned the meeting at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted:

Betsy Bloomer