

**Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.**  
General Meeting Minutes -January 9, 2017

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

*Members in Attendance:*

Maryanne Douglass	Vana McClure	Gail Lynch-bailey
Frances Montera	Bonnie Cornett	Chris Reilly
Diane Cardello	Mildred Zimmermann	Jeff Davis
Barbara Hoff	Suzanne Johnson	Jean Hartling
Steve Lucas	Margaret Guardi	Robert Kessler

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

**Approval of Minutes** Minutes approved as written. Jean motioned and Barbara seconded.

***Treasurer's Report***

Chris Reilly reports we have \$10,428.17 as of December 31, 2016. We are awaiting reimbursement of \$5,000 from Suffolk County. Chris updated the insurance on the Davis house to \$2 million and Chris, Maryanne, and Diane signed the Financial Statement Certification.

***Membership Report***

Barbara Hoff reported we have 87 dues-paying members. Of these, 43 have not yet paid. Chris will draft a letter to contact the 43 members with outstanding dues.

***Historian's report***

Mildred reported that Debbie, Randy Davis's wife, sent a holiday letter sharing updates on their family life (e.g., engagements, interest in airplanes).

***Old Business***

Bob Kessler reports that the electrician's union came to the house on February 7 and performed work in the upstairs of the house. Two of upstairs rooms are almost complete. The town plumber needs to do work in the downstairs kitchen and bathroom. Bob reports that the roof is leaking and that he is going to replace the roof with a rubber roof. Bob provided contractors with a list of all the work that needed to be done on the house. Maryanne needs to revise the Gardner Foundation Grant, which was rejected. Kathryn Curran, Director of the Gardiner Foundation, wants to ensure we include all the proper paperwork. She wants our agreement with the Town of Brookhaven to mirror Yaphank Historical Society's agreement. The agreement should be for at least 10 years. Our grant is a matching grant using NYS grant of \$125,000 to obtain and additional \$125,000.

***New Business***

We cannot start projects on the septic and heating systems of the Davis house until the summer. We will use the NYS Grant funds for that purpose. NYS Grant fund were obtained with the help of Assemblyman Steve Englebright.

The Town of Brookhaven wants to provide us with parking at the Davis house. This was included in NYS Grant funds expense budget. Bob thinks we can obtain 10-12 parking spaces with clear egress and ingress.

Sarah Anker, Suffolk County Legislator, contacted us regarding the additional parking lot and creating trails on the property. All they needs is an agreement with the Davis House Meeting Town Society and the Town of Brookhaven so we can move forward.

The Gardiner Foundation is holding another Grant Seminar in February. Bonnie, Suzanne, Steve, and Bob will attend the seminar, and Maryanne has asked that they ask a lot of questions.

*Open Discussion*

Maryanne asked the members to brainstorm fundraising ideas. Some ideas proposed were: a regular craft fair with vendors, a yard sale, a “no-bake” sale, a pancake party at a restaurant (e.g., IHOP or Friendly’s), a paint party (e.g., with wine or tea), and a Tea party.

Suzanne will be working on the newsletter, which will come out quarterly. Maryanne has pictures from our Christmas potluck.

*Margaret moved we adjourned at 8:10. Vana seconded it.*

Respectfully Submitted:  
Diane Cardello