

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:00 at the Swezey-Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Jean Hartling	Gail Bailey
Chris Reilly	Vana McClure	Maryanne Vigneaux
Diane Cardello	Steve Lucas	Ashley Grills
Mildred Zimmermann	Ellen Kushner	
Margaret Guardi	Suzanne Johnson	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Maryanne added additions as per request by me on Financial items reported by Chris Reilly. In addition, Millie provided additional information to Historical items Jeff Davis had brought to meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly noted we have \$7,287.74 as of close of business January 31, 2020. Chris noted we have an additional unencumbered \$5,000 donated for the specific purpose of completing the kitchen and must not be touched. He then explained how we will spend the \$9,000 from the Omnibus Grant. \$6,000 will go toward our operating costs. \$3,000 will be sequestered for the Hay Burning event paying the regimental reenactors will come to \$2,650. This also includes 3 horses which will also perform at event.

Membership Report

Chris said we have 89 paid members. Gentle reminders will be sent to members who have not yet paid their dues.

Historian's Report

Millie had a copy from the National Colored Home Association showing that in May 1872 Lester H. Davis agreed to foster 10-year-old Charles Corbin until his 18th birthday. It is a fascinating document. Was Charles perhaps born a slave? It shows one aspect as to how farmers secured workers needed on their farm. It also delineated in detail the care Davis was to supply young Charles.

Old Business

1. Maryanne and several members attended a Seminar for Not for Profit Groups. She noted we were doing well in most areas discussed at seminar. She noted we needed more liability insurance. The board members voted to investigate adding Director's liability insurance needed to protect our society.
2. She also noted we will hold board elections in November and asked members to think about positions they might like to hold.
3. Work is going well on house. Floors have been stained and members were shown pictures of floors. Work was going on in old and new kitchen.
4. Professor Gregory Hunter returned historical items that were put on USB drive. Maryann showed group how this worked on a computer.
5. Maryanne gave a report on the Hay Burning Committee. Discussion of Hay Burning concerns included getting a formal letter from Conservancy that they have no issue with our planned event. Maryanne wants to make sure we talk to the right people in Town and Fire Departments for any permits needed. We also want to talk to Jane Bonner our Town Councilwoman. We also spoke of informing the

elementary schools, especially fourth grades of the Hay Burning. We hope a lot of children will be present.

6. We voted on having a presentation called Maritime History of Long Island.
7. Newsletter contributions [stores, etc.] were discussed. Maryanne noted the feedback she got on her historical article.

New Business

1. Maryanne noted our next meeting will be on March 2, 2020 at Swezey-Avey House at 7PM.
2. The next meeting of the Hay Burning committee will be February 20,2020 at 7PM location TBA.
3. Bill Bleyer will meet a few members at the Davis House to take pictures and get information on house's history. The date is February 21st at 11:30AM at Davis House.
4. Suzanne reported on her and several other members attendance of the LILRC.s seminar on Six Documents Every Archive Needs. She noted that we don't have to accept all donations. Donations should align with the mission statement of our organization. We must take dated receipt of donations. It was suggested we prepare a flyer to give guidelines to people for donations.

Open Discussion: Maryanne hired the llama for our yard sale in September. Yaphank Llama Farm is making sure that they can attend.

Steve moved we adjourn at 8:20 PM and Suzanne seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Cardello