

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2019

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:05 PM at the Swezey -Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Jean Hartling	Barbara Hoff
Lisa Dils	Ellen Kushner	Steve Lucas
Diane Cardello	Mildred Zimmermann	Jeffrey Davis
Chris Reilly	Suzanne Johnson	Emma Gluck
Vana McClure	Robert Kessler	Margaret Guardi

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were corrected to amend that Chris Reilly's financial report is available by email from Chris. Barbara motioned to accept, and Ellen seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Reilly noted we have \$12,288.40 in our treasury as of January 31, 2019. We are expecting \$6,000 from the 2019 Omnibus Grant.

Membership Report:

Barbara Hoff noted we received one new member at the MLK event which makes a total of 93 paid members.

Historian's Report:

Mildred brought in two antique pictures of farmhouses in the Coram area.

Old Business:

Robert Kessler gave us written notes of his meeting with Edward Morris. Robert listed work needed to be. Mr. Morris was hoping he could secure about monies leftover funds from the Longwood Estate project for the Davis House work. A lot of work is being done on the Davis House. Heating is in so painting of Clerk's Office is done. The archive room will be in Clerk's office and there will be a closet. The Pantry closet will be put near the fireplace. The mantle is being rebuilt in kitchen. The kitchen is being spackled and painted. Parks Commissioner, Edward Morris, was told of money needed to complete septic system, staircases, flooring and steel beam removal. Suzanne Johnson reported on Preservation Long Island Endangered Places nomination of the Norton house. They are reviewing nominees. She said the Gardiner Foundation would give nonmatching grants for one historical event. She reported that the LILRC seminar about the Past Perfect software was postponed and will be rescheduled. Several members reported the MLK event was well attended. Our members used it as an event to make the community aware of the work of our Society. Jack Jones will be our April speaker. His fee is \$100. Elizabeth Kaplan has offered several historical topics she would present to our group. Her fee is \$250. Maryanne reported that as per Ed Romaine, the Coram Stop and Shop and adjacent garage will be demolished. As of yet, no action will be taken on the Norton House.

New Business:

We will celebrate the reenactment of the Coram Hay Burning of November 23, 1780 in 2020. The 3rd NY Regiment will participate with at least 24 men. There will be a presentation in August at the library. Maryanne and Barbara will do the presentation with slide show about the Davis House and Revolutionary War. We will have a membership table set up.

Open Discussion:

Suzanne informed us the National Register of Historic Places sign provided by the Pomeroy Foundation is completed and needs to be put on the Davis House. Bob Kessler suggested it be put by front door. It is rather large. It is currently at the Town Historian's office.

Barbara moved we adjourn at 8:00 PM, Steve seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Cardello