

# Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2018

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:10 PM at the Swezey -Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

## Members in Attendance: (D signifies Director)

Maryanne Douglas (D)	Suzanne Johnson (D)	Van Johnson
Tom Gaidry (D)	Gail Bailey	Margaret Guardi
Diane Cardello (D)	Robert Kessler (D)	Steven Lucas (D)
Chris Reilly (D)	Mildred Zimmermann (D)	Rosemary Luca
Vana McClure	Ellen Kushner	Erma Gluck
Jean Hartling (D)	Barbara Hoff (D)	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as written. Ellen motioned to accept and Barbara seconded.

## Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly reports we have \$10,913.42 as of close of business February 28, 2018. We received a \$6,000 grant from the Town for 2018. We will set up a committee meeting to propose how to spend this money. Suffolk Co. reimburses our expenditures. Maryanne asked members to think of items we need to purchase for the Davis House and our society.

## Membership Report

Barbara Hoff reported we have 82 dues paying members as of March 5, 2018.

## Historian's Report

Mildred Zimmermann brought in a horseshoe from the property and noted that the Davis family raced horses when there was a track in Riverhead, NY.

## Old Business

1. Bob Kessler reported on progress on Davis House.
  - a. No work could be done because grounds were too muddy from storm. Friday, March 9th is next projected day for work on house. Trim and spackling work will be done. The new beams have been ordered. The old ones will be removed by town and then the new beams will be installed.
  - b. It is projected the upstairs plastering will be done this summer for a cost of \$30,000.
  - c. The Town submitted a \$3,000 deposit for the Town to purchase the staircase. The back staircase will be refurbished and reused.
2. The Victorian Tea committee had its first meeting jobs were assigned. Margaret will give a short seminar on Lewis Carroll.
  - a. Lisa and Ellen will set up tables.
  - b. Ellen requested male members help with clean up as the work of the tea is physically taxing.
  - c. Chris will try to get school students to help with the serving.
  - d. Barbara posted to Facebook information about the tea.
3. We discussed more possible speakers for our 2018 meetings.

4. Members agreed to accept furniture that Whitney Davis is willing to bring up for the April 7th Davis Family Memorial at the Davis House.
  - a. Assembl. Englebright, TOB Sup. Romaine and SC Leg. Anker will speak. Family only will go on to Union Cemetery. Board members will attend a catered dinner at the Swezey-Avey House given by the Davis family.

#### **New Business**

1. Maryanne is working with Maria Hoffman on the last stages of the \$125,000 NYS Grant.
2. We discussed the Old School House as a storage area. Van Johnson noted it is getting crowded. Empty boxes will be removed.
3. Davis furniture will be stored in attic of Davis House.

#### **Open Discussion**

Members discussed feasibility of our society taking on the “saving” of the Captain Norton House. Maryanne noted Emma Norton was once Postmistress. Chris advised Maryanne to contact Ed Romaine as he may have answers to member questions about possible purchase of land. Brush debris and house debris will need to be cleaned up.

#### **Presentation**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15. Suzanne Johnson followed our meeting with a presentation on the 12 generations of the Davis family.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Diane Cardello