

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2015

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:04 at the Swezey Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas
Jean Hartling
Robert Kessler
Chris Reilly
Steve Lucas
Bonnie Cornett
Tom Gaidry
Barbara Hoff
Mildred Zimmermann
Michael Segreti
Van Johnson
Erma Gluck
Betsy Bloomer

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

The members in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Hoff moved to approve the minutes, Chris Reilly seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email. Total assets are \$9,043.01. The report will be filed.

Membership Report

There are 43 members. Reminders were sent out to 18 members who have not renewed. Michael offered to put information in the branch.

Historian's report

Mildred read about chimneys from a book that belonged to Davis called "*Home Life in Colonial Days*", Published in 1898.

Old Business

Maryanne talked about the visit to see Steve Englebright in his office. He was very receptive. He mentioned that Setauket and Coram have had many connections in the past.

He went over structural defects with the group. As soon as the weather clears he wants to meet us to see the interior of the house. He said he could possibly get \$50,000 from the state. There was a discussion about creating a historic area including the area from where the burning of the hay took place during the Revolutionary War to the Davis House.

Maryanne wrote to Romaine telling him about the town square idea in that section of Route 25. Steve Englebright will be calling to discuss this possibility.

New Business

The next meeting will be April 13th.

May 23rd Plant sale

Tables and chairs will be provided by the Fire Department.

Bonnie will speak to someone about getting herbs and vegetables.

Michael asked about having farmers market.

A committee was formed: Betsy, Bonnie, Barbara, Van, and Jean. Maryanne will be chairman.

Various plant providers will be asked if they will provide plants on consignment.

It was mentioned that it would be good if there could be music to attract people.

Van asked about plans for parking for these events. Michael said the Astoria parking lot could be used for overflow.

Van talked to his landscaper about doing the lawn and the landscaper said he wouldn't charge to do the lawn.

Maryanne said the Town will provide a dumpster for debris.

The sheds need to be emptied so they can be leveled.

Fund raising in general was then discussed. Van said any money needs to set aside without being able to touch it for other purposes.

We are not ready to apply for grants because we don't own the house. Bob said we don't want to take the house over until the house is complete.

Various ideas for fundraisers were discussed. The opinion was that profits from fundraisers are not as good as they were pre-2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted:

Betsy Bloomer