

## Davis Town Meeting House Society

### Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 6:34 pm at the Little School House, Coram, New York.

### Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Mildred Zimmermann	Ashley Gills	Andy Freleng
Diane Cardello	Ellen Kushner	Jim McCann	Vandorn Johnson
Steve Lucas	Chris Reilley	Barbara Hoff	Jeff Davis
Vana McClure	Jean Hartling	Maryanne Vigneaux	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved as written. Steve motioned and Jeff seconded.

### Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly reports we have \$16,972.60 as of 4/12/21. Chris submitted a financial statement which Maryanne will attach to minutes. A new budget was submitted to county for \$9,000. The Board unanimously voted not to give \$500 back as per request of Sara Anker's office for Wading River Historical Society's use this year. We discussed the new budget for the Omnibus Grant.

### Membership Report

Barbara Hoff reported we have 102 paid members.

### Historian's report

Mildred passed around a picture of Nellie Randall Davis and Daniel Roe Davis on their 1896 honeymoon to Niagara Falls, New York. Chris printed out pictures of the Davis House and passed them around to members.

### Old Business

1. Bob Kessler submitted a lengthy report on updates and work progressing on Davis House. He included work that needs to be completed. Maryanne will attach his report to these minutes.
2. Our application for a Pomeroy Grant was rejected. We had asked for \$4-to \$5,000 for fireproof file cabinet and alarms. There were many applications from historical societies and the grants went to the most needy and best use. Thanks goes to Suzanne for taking the time to do the grant for us.

### New Business

1. We will have our fundraising Yard Sale on September 18th, rain date September 19th. Our committee will contain same members as last year. We need donations for the Davis House table. Ellen Kushner will have her own table, but also volunteered to do the Fall Craft with children.
2. Our Victorian Tea will be at the Coram Firehouse on Saturday, October 16th.
3. We will have guest speakers on June 7th. Diane Schmidt will give a colonial cooking presentation.
4. On August 2nd Bill Bleyer will give a lecture on the Culper Spy Ring. The subject of his new book. Davis House is covered in his new book "The True Story of Culper Spy Ring".

### Open Discussion

1. We discussed some of the work on the house. Ashley asked about finding a permanent spot for the well made for the Hay Burning reenactment.
2. Painting and preserving the well was discussed.
3. We will purchase more Davis House mugs for the yard sale.

**Adjournment:** Jean & Millie moved the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM Barbara seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Cardello