

**Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes –May 1, 2017**

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The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas opened the meeting at 7:03pm at the Swezey-Avery House in Yaphank, NY.

***Members in Attendance:***

Maryanne Douglas	Chris Reilly	Van Johnson
Margaret Guardia	Mildred Zimmermann	Jean Hartling
Diane Cardello	Suzanne Johnson	Robert Kessler
Steve Lucas	Ellen Kushner	Barbara Hoff

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

***Approval of Minutes*** Minutes approved after modifying attendance record. Barbara motioned and Ellen seconded.

***Treasurer's Report***

Chris Reilly reports we have \$16,568.45 as of April 30, 2017.

***Membership Report***

Barbara Hoff reported we have 68 paid members with 28 members still not responding to emails.

***Historian's report***

- Mildred brought in a portrait from that hangs in her house. It shows the Lester Davis family and notes the names of all ten of his children. He had married Clarissa Roe in 1836.
- Suzanne brought in a poster from the library Dated October 3, 2000 that had old pictures of the Town Board.

***Old Business***

Bob Kessler reports that the town's electricians will continue to work on the Davis House this month. Electricians have finished working upstairs.

Barbara reported on the Tea Committee's work for May13th. We have 55 paid reservations. Tables will seat 8-10 people. Set up will begin at 10AM on the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Coram Firehouse. Ellen and Lisa will set up tables. Other tea committee members will make sandwiches, scones and cookies. Lisa and Ellen have collected teapots and table settings. Members will wear the same tea aprons. This will be our first community outreach and fundraiser using the tea party theme. A table will be set up with membership information and newsletters about the Davis House Society.

### ***New Business***

We discussed possible purchases using the \$5,000 grant money from Suffolk County. We thanked Sarah Anker for her continued support of our society. Maryanne reminded us of the deadline. Purchase of a projector screen and archival boxes were discussed. We will need to purchase sconces and pictures for the Davis House. In addition landscaping with perennial plants and shrubs were discussed. We will use the funds for publishing our quarterly newsletter. We will purchase two tents for our outdoor community outreach projects. We will buy a banner with our society's name on it designed by Ellen. Purchase of display racks were proposed. Suzanne will research pricing and sourcing of lighting fixtures. Margaret proposed the need for high hat lighting to show case exhibits. Margaret will also work on a list of speakers to attend our community outreach events. She will work on fees.

### ***Open Discussion***

- We discussed the quarterly newsletter.
- We worked on dates for our next year's meetings.
- We decided that we need to meet in August as we have a fundraiser sale in August.
- We also discussed participating in the Brookhaven Fair on September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara moved the meeting adjourn at 8:29 PM, Jean seconded.

*Respectfully Submitted:*  
*Diane Cardello*