

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes - May 6 2019

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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  
Chris Reilley  
Diane Cardello  
Claire Gray  
Vana McClure  
Jean Hartling  
Betsy Maniotis  
Mildred Zimmermann  
Suzanne Johnson  
Robert Kessler  
Barbara Hoff  
Steve Lucas  
Bob Maniotis

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

***Approval of Minutes*** The minutes were approved as written. Steve Lucas moved to accept and Barbara Hoff seconded the motion. Chris Reilley noted in the event we have a special program guest should be noted as separate from members.

***Treasurer's Report***

Chris Reilly noted we have \$9,984.24 in our treasury as of close of business April 30,, 2019.

***Membership Report***

Barbara Hoff noted we have 83 paid members.

***Historian's Report***

*Mildred brought a candle mold used in the Davis House when candles were the only source of light after dark.*

***Old Business***

Our President, Maryanne Douglas recapped the plaque ceremony at the house. A letter was sent to Pomeroy Foundation thanking them for the plaque noting the Davis Town Meeting House is register in the National Register of Historic Houses. Maryanne discussed with Steve Englebright the state permit and location of our reenactment of the Coram Hay Burning planned for 2020. Maryanne reported we made \$1,486 on our annual Victorian Tea. She supplied committee members with a data sheet of coordinating work and supplies needed for putting on the Tea. A

recap meeting will be held to discuss the tea. Committee members were thanked for their generosity in supplying food and supplies for the tea. This amplified our profits.

Members gave feedback on newsletter to Suzanne. We discussed sending members the newsletter via computers. We spoke of nonpaying advertisers being dropped. It was decided to keep the paper form for our newsletter. Thank you Suzanne for your hard work on the newsletter.

Bob Kessler reported he met with Ed Morris at the house. He was very pleased with progress and will be getting flooring. He noted doors were to be delivered tomorrow, April 7<sup>th</sup>. He also spoke to Mark Brosnan, District manager of Parks who will push to get us materials needed for further work on house.

### **New Business**

Maryanne advised us that the Third Regiment wanted to partner with us. They would use the Davis House as a base for their two meetings a year. They would in turn perform for us when possible at no cost but would charge for us for organization big events. Barbara Hoff motioned we vote on this and Chris Reilley seconded it and the motion was carried to so partner with them.

The Gardiner Foundation will tour the house the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>, date to be decided.

At our next meeting, we will have a presentation by Zack Studenroth. We will meet at the Davis Family Cemetery at 6:30 PM. We will next go to the Coram Firehouse or its Pavilion to hear his presentation on Care and Restoration of Historic Cemeteries.

There will be a presentation of Historic Housekeeping at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Discussion**

Steve Lucas brought information of the Greater Patchogue Historical Society's May meeting on Elisha Saxton and his Oyster Sloop Priscilla. He also brought information of the Suffolk County Museum's program still running on When Women Wore Whales.

Chris moved we adjourned at 8:10 PM, Steve seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Diane Cardello

