

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes –June 5, 2017

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

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Chris Reilly	Lisa Dils
Margaret Guardi	Mildred Zimmermann	Jean Hartling
Diane Cardello	Tom Gaidry	Robert Kessler
Steve Lucas	Ellen Kushner	Barbara Hoff

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as written. Barbara motioned and Ellen seconded.

Treasurer’s Report: Chris Reilly reports we have \$16,568.45 as of May 31, 2017. Chris suggested we look into putting some of our money into a CD in order to earn more interest on our reserves. Bob Kessler suggested we left the money where it is easily accessible in case we need it for the building.

Membership Report:

Barbara Hoff reported we have 74 paid members.

Historian’s report: Mildred brought in a bank passbook from Matilda Quackenbush.

Old Business:

1. Bob Kessler reports that after some work is finished on the Swezey-Avery House in Yaphank there will be a meeting on the ceiling beams in the Davis House. Work will start soon on the bedrooms and pantry areas of the house. More work will be done on insulating and sheet rocking. In addition the roof is leaking above the Town Clerk’s Office. It was suggested we put a rubber roof over this area.
2. Maryanne is finishing up the grant application from Suffolk Co. Omnibus Grant. Patricia Landowski was our contact person. Our budget must be pre-approved for this grant money and it must benefit community outreach.
3. Barbara reported on our very successful first Victorian Tea Event. Maryanne thanked committee members for their generous contributions to the success of the tea. We received good feedback and will make some changes in our next tea. We used the tea to generate new members and community outreach for the Davis House Society.

New Business:

1. We thank Member, Margaret Guardi for arranging for the speakers. Barbara will send out a mailing to prospective members with the dates of meetings and a list of the guest speakers. A full list of speakers to be included in the minutes follows:

2017 Meeting Dates for Davis Town House Meeting Society Inc.

June 5 **Regular Meeting**

July 10 **"Water & Ice" by Arthur Mattson**

August 7 **"Camp Upton by Paul Infranco**

September 11 **Regular Meeting**

October 2 **"George Washington's L.I. Spy Ring" by Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan**

November 6 **"Midnight Rum: L.I. and Prohibition" by Jonathan Olly, Ph.D.**

December 4 **Holiday Party**

2. A garden committee was organized to beautify the Davis House landscape. Members of this committee are Maryanne Douglas, Lisa Dils, Margaret Guardi, Barbara Hoff and Jean Hartling. The committee will plant flowers at the house on Sunday, June 11th at 1:30pm.

Open Discussion:

We discussed our next fundraiser the Yard Sale & Craft Fair. It will be held on August 26th on the Davis House grounds. Maryanne is advertising for people to sign up for tables at \$25 each. Davis Town Meeting House Society will have a table and members are asked to donate and collect items for us to sell.

Barbara moved the meeting adjourn at 7:58 PM. Chris seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Cardello