

# Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

## Summary Minutes of June 7, 2013 Organizational Meeting

Meeting Location: Longwood Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room; Friday, June 7, 2013; 7:00 pm.

In attendance: Maryanne Douglas, Mildred Zimmerman, Barbara Hoff, Steve Lucas (Patchogue Historical Society), Tom Gaidry, Robert Kessler (Yaphank Historical Society) and Ida Brownley

1. Formation of Organization – Election of Officers; Election of Board of Directors
  - a. Results of Slate Balloting was as follows:
    1. **President:** Maryanne Douglas
    2. **Vice President:** Betsy Bloomer
    3. **Secretary:** Ida Brownley
    4. **Treasurer:** Chris Reilly
    5. **Sergeant at Arms:** Bonnie Cornett
    6. **Historian:** Mildred Zimmerman
    7. **Trustee 2 years:** Tom Gaidry
    8. **Trustee 3 years:** Randy Davis
    9. **Board Member (1 year):** Robert Kessler
    10. **Board Member (1 year):** Steve Lucas
    11. **Board Member representing Coram Civic (1 year):** Kathrine Soccia
  - b. All terms are for two years except as otherwise indicated (see Bylaws for further details).
2. Motion was made by Steve Lucas to accept the slate. Robert Kessler seconded the motion and a vote was cast. All voted yes to the motion; election of officers and Directors was accepted as presented on slate.
3. Reviewed May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with TOB Supervisor Ed Romaine. The Town only has funds to have structural drawings completed and to fix structural supports on the inside. We will need grants to finish the project. Erica Dewer, Town grant writer, is working on obtaining additional funding. We discussed the abandoned house on the property located next to the cemetery. The Town has the permits to have it torn down. That should be completed within a month or two.
4. Reviewed June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Connie Kepert – Town Councilwoman. She wants to be supportive of us and would like to have regular meetings. She will follow up with the Town grant writer (Erica Dewer) to see where we stand on getting additional funding. We spoke about adding some flowers to front of the house and Ms. Kepert said she would follow up with Ed Morris regarding planting. We also asked about having a step placed by the front porch before our tree lighting in December. She is also going to follow up with that request. Since the cemetery has been cleaned and a fence put up she will request that the Town maintain that area by mowing the lawn. She will also look into the property between the Davis House and cemetery which is owned by Suffolk Co. She will see if we can get the land for use as a parking lot.
5. We discussed a Christmas card as a fundraiser using an old and new picture of the Davis House. The cost would be for 9 x 6 ¼ inches card:  
250 cards 189.00; 250 envelopes 30.00  
Artwork setup 45.00; Grand Total 264.00 or 1.056 per card  
We decided to price a 4x6 card before we make any decisions.

6. The committee reviewed the Eagle Scout project on the cemetery. The boy scouts from Troop 64 did a great job. We all thanked Ida Brownley for their hard work as well as Middle Island Rentals for loaning the needed equipment to the scouts. The tombstones will be repaired by Bob Kessler in the near future.
7. The Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc. is now an official New York State not-for-profit. We are now filing a 501(c)(3) application to the IRS to facilitate the acceptance of large donations.
8. Next meeting is July 12 on a Friday and no meeting in August.