

# Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

## Summary Minutes of July 12, 2013 General Meeting

Meeting Location: Longwood Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room; Friday, July 12, 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. The meeting was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas and we pledged allegiance to the flag. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Tom Gaidry had proposed a joint fundraiser for Davis House and Middle Island Congregational United Church of Christ. We all agreed that it was a good idea. It would be a yard sale and craft fair. We would charge \$10.00 per table. We thought of doing it on the church grounds but decided that the Davis House outside would be a better idea so that we could give the Davis House better exposure. The date would be Sept 21 on a Saturday. The grounds would have to be checked and cleaned. We would also need permission from Ed Morris. We would then create a poster and email it to everyone in the Coram Civic Assoc and Middle Island Church. Perhaps advertise in local news and media. Maryanne will email Ed Morris for permission.
3. We discussed the booklet that Maryanne got from Senator Gillibrand's office. Three possible grants may be available. Connie Kepert's aide, Liz would like a meeting with us. Erica Dewer the grant writer will attend. Maryanne, Bob and Mildred will come to the meeting. We are awaiting the date. We will discuss all the possibilities for any new grant ideas.
4. Update of 501(c)(3) status is that Chris will complete the forms needed. He is away in Florida and will work on them when he gets home.
5. Liz from Connie Kepert's office informed us of update on the parcel of land between the house and the cemetery. It belongs to Suffolk Co., which we knew but they designated it as a preserve. Its status can be changed with legislative vote. As per the law, in order to take a parcel out of preserved status there has to be two acts of the state legislature approving the reversal of it preserved state. We will also discuss this item at our meeting and I will bring a picture of the land.
6. The status of the repair of the headstones was discussed. Bob Kessler will repair in August after he goes to a seminar on headstone repair.
7. Christmas cards were discussed. The price for 250 cards (4x6) with artwork will be \$194.00 we would like to go forward as soon as we have the funds available.
8. I advised everyone to look at our website: [www.davistownmeetinghouse.org](http://www.davistownmeetinghouse.org). Chris Reilly did a great job.
9. The National Society Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century L.I. Chapter wants to create a marker for the Davis House. We need the wording that the Town would like on that marker.
10. We discussed the closing of the main library for 1 ½ years. We are now going to meet at Swezey House on Middle Island-Yaphank Rd & County Rd 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm. The first meeting will be in September. The date is Sept 12<sup>th</sup> because of Labor Day weekend. There will be no meeting in August.