

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2017

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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 7:00 PM at the Swezey -Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

*Members in Attendance:*

Maryanne Douglas  
Margaret Guardi  
Diane Cardello  
Steve Lucas  
Chris Reilly  
Mildred Zimmermann  
Van Johnson  
Ellen Kushner  
Vana Mc Clure  
Jean Hartling  
Robert Kessler  
Barbara Hoff

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

***Approval of Minutes*** Minutes approved as written with minor change to spelling Barbara motioned and Ellen seconded.

***Treasurer's Report***

Chris Reilly reports we have \$16,629.95 as of July 31, 2017. Chris sent a check to an animal rescue in honor of Jean Davis.

***Membership Report***

Barbara Hoff reported we have 76 paid members.

***Historian's report***

*None*

***Vana will donate Coram Historical Commemoration plates donated to the Methodist Church by Kathy La Sauce.***

***Old Business***

Bob Kessler reports that as many as ten workers have completed work on the upstairs bedrooms of the Davis House. They are working on windowsills and framing. We need Ed Morris to begin electrical, plumbing and heating. Next Bob has asked the workers to work downstairs on framing out kitchen areas and the locations for the heating /AC units.

Maryanne gave us the itemized spending list for our \$5,000 grant. Suzanne and Margaret will shop for wall sconces for the upstairs of the Davis House. We reviewed committee member donations and responsibilities for the Yard and Craft Fair fundraiser and community outreach event of August 26, 2017 on the Davis House grounds. Ellen, Maryanne, Barbara, Vana, Jean, Diane and Millie are donating raffle baskets.

### ***New Business***

*The Town may apply for an upgraded septic system with environmental safety features.*

*A committee was formed to organize historical papers that will be digitized by C.W. Post College using grant money they received. The volunteers are Millie, Margaret, Maryanne, Vana, Jean, Steve, Barbara and Diane. Our organization is one of thirty groups that will have access to digitizing their records.*

*We approved buying bags that will be given out at various events with the Davis House logo on them. This will be another way of gaining community awareness of our society.*

### ***Open Discussion***

Barbara Hoff accepted the offer of teacups donated to our society by Ellen Kushner for use in our future teas. Ellen led a discussion of possible community outreach events and open house.

We discussed possible purchase of a software system called Past Perfect. Steve and Margaret are familiar with the software, which they have in their historical societies and explained how useful and valuable the software is. It would cost upwards of \$1,500 but would prove valuable before the C.W. Post students start work on our historical papers.

Barbara moved we adjourn at 8:15, Ellen seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Diane Cardello