

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2014

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:05 at the Avey Swezey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas
Chris Reilly
Steve Lucas
Robert Kessler
Gail Lynch-Bailey
Tom Gaidry
Jean Hartling
Mildred Zimmermann
Bonnie Cornett
Barbara Hoff
Van Johnson
Betsy Bloomer

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

The members in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Hoff moved that the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting that had been previously distributed by email be approved. Chris Reilly seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email. Total assets are \$2,380.85. The report will be filed.

Membership Report

There are no new members and 52 members.
One New Sponsor - Path Liquor

Historian - No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Marking: Betsy said she had written the letter to be sent to local officials inviting them to marking. Will email to the board.

Maryanne mentioned that the spotlight has been replaced and that the Property will be cleaned up before Saturday's yard sale.

A discussion followed of the "walk through" of the interior of the Davis House by the committee on Friday August 5th. Several drawings and documents relating to the house were distributed, such as the Register of Historic Places Registration Form, drawings by L.K. McLean Associates, drawings from Moore Associates and Jack L. Jones Building conservation.

The points delineated on the notes taken by Robert Kessler were discussed. These notes are filed.

Some items discussed included the following:

- The first floor was looked at first. Thinking of closing off cellar steps in kitchen.
- Also there was a sick room on the second level and want those steps restored with rope.
- The central staircase needs to be changed, and remove the wall because it is too tight.
- A kitchen with modern appliances is needed, i.e. a stove and refrigerator.
- Need to restore wood that is outside. It should be catalogued and sorted. The items need to be moved out of the elements. Unsightly shed will be taken down and the shed where the wood is stored now will be kept.
- A caretaker apartment would provide a security presence and could provide help with odd jobs.
- We need a memorandum of understanding with the town with a \$1 lease. Then we can do the renovation, without having to work with prevailing wage issues.
- We should have the \$3,500 report in about a week on what is needed in order to short up the interior.
- Need to renovate/replace the bathroom upstairs. Also need to create storage and offices.
- Bob Kessler said we should do the electricity first and then plaster.
- There is no staircase behind the fireplace that is shown on the drawing so the floor plan needs to be changed.

Gail mentioned the Historic District Committee and suggested it would be good to go to their meetings.

Yard Sale

- Maryanne needs a person to volunteer on Friday to spray paint numbers. Jean volunteered to help.
- Also there will be two high school student volunteers.
- Van said he can bring tables and some chairs.
- Parking for vendors will be in back of firehouse.
- Where will visitors park? Bank parking lot cannot be used.
- Maryanne will bring raffle tickets and price tags. \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00.
- Mums and bunches of sunflowers were donated to sell.
- Bob will bring pumpkins and apples.
- Maryanne will make up board for raffle prices.

Barbara moved to end the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bloomer
Recording Secretary