

**Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2018**

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

**Members in Attendance:**

Maryanne Douglas	Vana McClure	Suzanne Johnson
Steve Lucas	Jean Hartling	Barbara Hoff
Diane Cardello	Tom Gaidry	Grace D'Alleva
Chris Reilly	Mildred Zimmermann	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes** The minutes were accepted as written. Barbara motioned to accept and Steve seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Reilly reports we have \$10,398.79 as of close of business September 10, 2018.

**Membership Report**

Barbara Hoff reported we have 86 dues paying members as of September 10, 2018. Chris Reilly suggested we brainstorm ways to raise membership. Everyone asked to bring guests to our events.

**Historian's Report**

Mildred Zimmermann brought in an old dated mail envelope that had a key to an old Dutch door at the Davis House.

**Old Business**

1. Robert Kessler was unavailable due to work commitments to give an update on the work on Davis House.
2. Maryanne was trying to contact Ed Morris with requests for a no trespassing sign, motion light detectors for back of Davis House . Maryanne had to call police as a squatter was setting up on front deck.
3. The update on the Norton House is that the owner has paid one year of back taxes and that gives him more time to pay what he owes. Preservation LI wants a form filled out. Maryanne asked for help with this task. We must show the house is in eminent danger so it can be put on the endangered list.
4. We now are paid members in Preservation Long Island.
5. We are in the process of spending down the last of the Omnibus monies. We will download the new software after the yard sale/ craft fair is over.

**New Business**

1. Maryanne went over members who volunteered for the yard sale and what their specific duties are. Members took notes as to their duties. Maryanne itemized the specific items we need from the town such as trashcans and lawn maintenance prior to the event. We will have a police presence and they have been informed the NYS 3rd Regiment will fire some their muskets during the event. Members are asked to arrive at 8AM. Parking will need our support and vigilance. Members will report to the house at 11 Friday the 21st to unload donated items for the sale from member cars. New York's Third

Regiment Colonial Reenactors will perform at 1 PM. The Harbormasters Barbershop Quartet will perform at 12 PM. Maryanne will get a iron house key so we can open the front door to avail ourselves of the electricity.

2. Suzanne Johnson will publish our next newsletter before Halloween. Our October speaker is going to be Robert Sturm who will speak about the history of the Long Island Railroad.

### **Open Discussion**

Jean noted that many people at the sale ask to see the house. We will work on possible tours of the house at some time in the future.

Barbara called to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM and Millie seconded it.

### **Respectfully Submitted:**

Diane Cardello