

# Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:03 at the old School House in Coram, NY. [*“Thank you” to the Coram Fire Department for the use of their building!*]

## Members in Attendance

Maryanne Douglas*	Joanne Coco	Chris Reilly*
Diane Cardello*	Suzanne Johnson*	Gretchen Specht
Mildred Zimmerman*	Van Johnson	Claire Gray
Jean Hartling*	Tom Gaidry*	Ashley Grills
Steve Lucas*	Maryann Vigneaux	

\* - Indicates Board member

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited this evening.

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written; Steve Lucas motioned the acceptance and Van Johnson seconded the motion.

## Treasurer’s Report

Chris Reilly gave a report of \$13,313.48 on hand.

## Membership Report

Chris Reilly reported we have 99 paid members.

## Historian’s Report

No Historical Report but Millie Zimmermann noted that the Davis brothers and their wives will attend the October 10 Hay Burning Event.

## Old Business

1. We are hoping work will proceed once again on Davis House. The Riverhead Sheriff said it may be possible in next few weeks.
2. Maryanne has still not heard from Ed Morris as to when plumbing work will begin.
3. We received a check from the Gardiner’s Grant for \$872.00 which will cover our insurance expenses for the year.
4. Several members of the Board met with Bill Bleyer at the house. He took pictures of the House for his new book. We are looking for a place to hold his long delayed lecture.
5. The Third Regiment has been holding practice drills at the house.
6. Maryanne Douglas stated that she privately wrote a letter to various elected office holders to air her [personal] concerns for the desecration of [public historical] monuments. The Board previously decided that it would be inappropriate for the Board to do so as representatives of our organization due to the highly politicized nature of the issue.
7. We are gratefully taking possession of the beautiful pump organ from Diane Schmidt. Van said some young fireman will with carrying organ to house.
8. The Anna Strong DAR will join us in colonial dress for our October event. Our members will be dressed in colonial garb, also.

## New Business

1. Upon his retirement, **Tom Gaidry** received an award for his years of service on our board as a Trustee. Thank you, Tom, once again.

2. **Vana McClure** was nominated by Chris Reilly to fill Tom's place on the Board. The motion was seconded and seven members of the Board voted their approval of her nomination.
3. Our Yard Sale will be this Saturday. Some committee members will meet at the House on Friday to tag sale items. Jean and Suzanne will mark vender areas with paint to insure social distancing. Members are asked to bring raffle baskets to house on Friday.
4. On Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the Hay Burning committee will meet at 7 o'clock at the School House. Van had a form from the Fire Marshal for Maryanne to sign. We have an insurance permit for the Coram Event.

#### **Open Discussion**

1. Amazon was suggested for buying colonial outfits.
2. Ashley Grills noted the Boy Scouts will clean the Davis Cemetery and put flags on graves.
3. We will have a standby ambulance on site.
4. Chris noted we should have signs for masks social distancing at our events. {Signs have been procured}. Masks and hand wash will also be made available.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Cardello**