

**Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2014**

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The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:07 at the Avey Swezey House in Yaphank, NY.

*Members in Attendance:*

Maryanne Douglas  
Barbara Hoff  
Vana McClure  
Jean Hartling  
Robert Kessler  
Chris Reilly  
Tom Gaidry  
Bonnie Cornett  
Betsy Bloomer

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

The members in attendance introduced themselves.

***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting that had been previously distributed by email were approved

***Treasurer's Report***

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email. Total assets are \$3,746.75. The report will be filed.

There was discussion on when to invoice members for yearly dues, whether at the end of the year or on the anniversary of when they paid.

***Membership Report***

There are 62 members and two business memberships.

***Historian*** – There was no Historian's Report.

***OLD BUSINESS***

October 25, Marking of the Davis House by the Colonial Dames XVII Century

- Betsy reported that everyone seemed to have a good time and the weather was the star as it was perfect. The add ons by the Fire Department really made a difference, the music, the banners, the sound equipment and the setup was exactly what we needed. Many politicians were there and seemed happy to be there. The State President thought the house was beautiful and that all the Davis House Society people were nice and were doing a great job. The use of the Avey Swezey House for refreshments was greatly appreciated as was the help of the people that came early to help setup and stayed afterwards to help cleanup and helped during the event also, keeping things going.

- Decision on Acadia Books – there needed to be a correction to the Minutes to reflect that it was decided to postpone the decision until the future.
- Maryanne is attending the Historical Advisory Committee Meeting on November 12 to get their support. They approve any changes to historical homes in private hands.
- On November 13 Maryanne will go to the Town of Brookhaven Board Meeting at 4:30 pm. Gail, Erma, Bob Kessler and Steve Lucas will attend also.
- Sheds – Bob Maag said they need a permit to take down the sheds and that is why it hasn't been done. Ed Romaine asked what of the list had been done. Maryanne said flowers hadn't been planted, etc.
- Architect – he said he hadn't had time to work on it. Maryanne told him about the leak and he said he hadn't known about it. It was discussed that the leak was very bad.
- The numerals "263" on the house should be wrought iron.
- Tom said he wanted to be off the board. He said he is happy to help but his term is ending. He will stay on but if anyone else is interested he would give it up. Chris said he will write a note letting people know about the position.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

The following topics were brought up:

- Maryanne said we need to get an accountant to do the end of year auditing. Now that we have 501c3 we need to get it done so it would be a certified audit. Maybe we could get someone to do it for free. Maryanne is looking into it.
- There will be no meeting in December. The group will meet again on January 5, 2015.
- Maryanne will look into liability insurance and Director's Insurance.
- Both the town and the Society need to have insurance. Bob will talk to the broker for his insurance for several houses.
- One person should be the building liaison with the town.
- If we do things ourselves we wouldn't have to pay the going rates.
- Bob said the town should do the heavier work, structural work and we do the smaller things ourselves.
- Tom asked if we are looking at grants. There was discussion of what information might be needed to apply for grants. We would need to have specific things itemized for each room when you are applying for a grant.
- PC Richards might give us a good price for appliances.

The Building Committee:

Jean, Barbara, Bonnie, Betsy Maryanne, Mildred, and Vana. The date for the building meeting is Monday, January 19, 2014.

Barbara and Bonnie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58.

Respectfully Submitted:

Betsy Bloomer