

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2013

The meeting of the Davis House Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:00 at the Hawkins House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas
Betsy Bloomer
Bonnie Cornett
Chris Reilly
Jeff Davis
Steve Lucas
Robert Kessler
Katherine Soscia
Mildred Zimmermann

Board Members Absent:

Tom Gaidry

Approval of Minutes

Maryanne Moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting that had been previously distributed; Steve Seconded the Motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email.
The Cash on hand is \$1902.40
The report will be filed.

Membership Report

Chris reported that there are 23 members and that he is sending Thank You notes and Certificates to all Life Members.

Old Business

Maryanne reported that the abandoned building situation has not changed. She emailed again the day of the meeting to ask for a definite date that the building would be removed.

The position of Secretary was discussed. Ida has submitted her resignation as she cannot attend meetings on Monday nights. Her resignation is on file. Maryanne asked for a volunteer to take over as Secretary. Betsy said she could do it on Mondays. Maryanne nominated Betsy for Secretary and Chris seconded the nomination. A vote confirmed Betsy as Secretary.

Maryanne then asked for a volunteer for the Vice President position, now vacant. Bonnie Cornett volunteered. Maryanne nominated Bonnie and Chris seconded the nomination. A vote confirmed Bonnie as Vice President. As the Sergeant-at-Arms position was now vacant, Chris nominated Jeff as Sergeant-at-Arms, seconded by Steve. A vote confirmed Jeff as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Chris said he had been sending out introductory letters to Historical Societies on Long Island. The letter told about our group and asked for the societies to allow us to place a link to their web site on our own

web site, and vice versa to put a link to our web site on theirs. Another way of getting information about us out there would be through a Newsletter, which Maryanne hopes to have some day.

New Business

Chris said he thought that it is important to get some committees going, such as a Membership Development Committee to be creative in getting new members. Some ideas for growing membership were discussed. Maryann said we can't have membership drive parties such as teas, etc. Chris suggested that we target civic associations and local senior centers such as George Link and Spring Lake and give approximately 10 minute historical presentations on the Davis House.

Mildred reported on Davis House history. She saw Barbara Russell and talked about the archeological dig. Mildred has a copy of the detailed application write-up for National Historical Site status. The Town bought the house in 1999. She has the original deed for Elijah Davis and also the mortgage notice from 1797 when the Davis House was mortgaged. She also has several documents related to the history of the Davis property.

There was a discussion of various issues related to financing historic buildings in Brookhaven Town. Maryann said that we need to get some of the grant money from the Town released to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bloomer
Recording Secretary