

Claverack Historical Society
Minutes
June 4, 2016

A meeting of the Claverack Historical Society was held at the Reform Dutch Church Claverack, June 4, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Jeane LaPorta at 10:00 AM.

Those in attendance were: Jeane LaPorta, Robert LaPorta, Nick Zasorin, Katy Cashen, Ian Nitschke, Peggy Lampman and Henry Neale.

The minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting were read and Ian Nitschke suggested replacing the paragraph regarding the logo with the following:

"Ian Nitschke said he appreciated all the work that members (Nick Zasorin and Frank Kucija) had done on the logo. However, since it was based on a design he proposed from a previous organization, Clover Reach, he felt it was only fair that he be given a chance to review the proposed new logo, with design professionals, and make suggestions. A motion was made by Bob LaPorta that the current logo should be accepted at this time and Ian Nitschke will review changing the logo. He will bring forth suggestions for future discussion Robert Laity seconded the motion and the motion was carried."

A motion was presented by Katie Cashen and seconded by Jeane LaPorta to accept the minutes with the revisions suggested by Ian Nitschke. The motion was carried.

Treasurers report showed \$287.00 cash on hand \$492.67 paid out. The breakdown of these expenses is available upon request. Currently there are approximately 100 membership buttons and 9 stickers.

Ian Nitschke presented a draft logo for the Claverack Historical Society to review and consider along with an explanation of its meaning. Nick Zasorin commented that the buttons and logo are intended to change at the end of the year. No changes to the logo were approved at this meeting and future discussion on the topic of the logo and membership/dues affidavit will take place.

Dedication of the Shaw Bridge marker was discussed. This dedication was held on May 28, 2016 at the bridge on Van Wyck Lane. The marker was purchased from a grant provided by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Inc. It was placed by the Claverack Highway department. This event was well attended with about 50

people present for the dedication. A musical prelude and postlude was performed by Charles Robitaille and Lara Agate. The welcome address was given by town historian Jeane LaPorta. Recollections of the bridge by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt and an outline of the history of the bridge was given by Ian Nitschke. Iced tea punch and cookies which were from recipes of the era were served by volunteers of the Claverack Historical Society lead by Cheryl Halleren of Claverack.

The marker will be permanently anchored at a future date once bridge reconstruction is complete. The bridge is eligible for a second marker, noting inclusion on the US Registry of Historic Places, also from the Pomeroy Foundation. It is suggested that the second marker could be placed on the south entrance to the bridge while the NYS historic marker is located at the north approach.

The Shaw Bridge Historic Marker Commemorative event on May 28th, 2016, met New York State Education Department requirements for educational program purpose and content.

Henry Neale presented a summation of the application to the NYS Department of State for Inc. That application was denied due to the definition and purpose of the Claverack Historical Society.

The description of an accessioning process and policy, as part of the charter application, was presented to the attendees by Bob LaPorta, along with required forms. A motion was made by Nick Zasorin, seconded by Ian Nitschke, to accept the document and related attachments. The motion was passed.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers as follows:

President	Jeane LaPorta
Vice President	Ian Nitschke
Treasurer	Peggy Lampman
Secretary	Robert LaPorta

Board of Trustees:

Elliott Bristol
Katie Cashen
Nick Zasorin

A motion was made to close the nominations and vote to accept this slate of officers by Katie Cashen seconded by Jeane LaPorta. Motion accepted.

Five and ten year goals and objectives were discussed as part of the chartering process. The following objectives were accepted by those in attendance:

Five year objectives:

- A. Develop a secure lasting society that will work towards the fulfillment of the mission statement.
- B. Continue to increase membership making this organization available to all that wish to join.
- C. Develop educational programs designed to benefit local schools and community residents.
- D. Receive provisional chartering and 501(c)3 status.
- E. Increase public awareness of this new organization through membership, media both written and digital.
- F. Work on increasing public awareness and restoration of the town's 1870 Shaw Bridge.

Ten year objectives:

- A. Secure a permanent space for the historical societies meetings and collections.
- B. Increase and secure collections relevant to the Town of Claverack.
- C. Evaluate the current educational programs and increase the depth and breath of such offerings making them available to all.
- D. Continue with the movement to increase membership.
- E. Apply for and receive absolute charter.
- F. Continue to develop a vibrant organization that strives to present programs that challenge and educate the community we serve.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2016

A motion to adjourn was presented by Katie Cashen seconded by Bob LaPorta. Motion carried.