

Claverack Historical Society
March 13, 2024

The hybrid meeting of the Shaw Bridge subcommittee was the impetus for calling a meeting of the Claverack Historical Society. Present: Paula Ptaszek, Treasurer, Jeane LaPorta, Recording Secretary, Nick Zasorin, Charles Schram, Bob LaPorta, Trustee, Gary Davis, and Mary Luft. Per by-laws quorum is 1/5th of membership or 7.

It was agreed by all present to reorganize the Claverack Historical Society that was paused when President Sean Jennings resigned on (date)_____. A meeting of the Claverack Historical Society was called to order by Treasurer Paula Ptaszek at 5:20PM. A brief history of the Society was provided by Rec Sec Jeane LaPorta. Volunteers were asked to fill vacancies on the board temporarily in order for the board to resume business and for nominating committee to be elected to fill the vacancies for the remaining term of office.

Volunteers for the vacancies are as follows: Nick Zasorin, President, Gary Davis, Vice President. Trustees volunteered to fill the vacancies as follows: Charles Schram and Mary Luft. Bob LaPorta made the motion to accept the volunteers for the vacancies. Paula Ptaszek second. The motion passed unanimously. The board consists of the following officers seated until the next election, which is to be determined: Nick Zasorin, President, Gary Davis, Vice President, Paula Ptaszek, Treasurer, Recording Secretary Jeane LaPorta. Trustees to be seated, terms to be decided according to the by-laws, are Charles Schram, Bob LaPorta, Mary Luft.

Bob agreed to send the by-laws and Society charter to all those present. Paula received the Claverack Historical Society files including those documents from past President Sean Jennings. Recording Secretary Jeane LaPorta will review and assemble the documents for the Society to apply for the 501c3 nonprofit status. President Nick Zasorin provided the Society with the use of his PO Box 11 which he does not use for personal business. Banking mail will continue to be sent directly to the Treasurer's mailing address.

The priority business of the Society was discussed. The Shaw Bridge and the Churchtown Fire House building were discussed as being important. Nick will look into the Fire House building and report findings at the next meeting. Jeane agreed to call the Claverack Highway Department, Louis LaMont, to find out if the town can clean the Shaw bridge of trees and brush to help preserve it as much as possible.

Vice President Gary Davis will survey the members to determine the date and time of the next meeting and report back. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42PM.

Jeane LaPorta,
Recording Secretary