

Claverack Historical Society

Minutes

May 7, 2024

Those in attendance; Kara Keeler, Nick Zasorin, Charles Schram, Paula Ptaszek, Bob LaPorta (by Zoom)

Absent: Jeane LaPorta, Mary Luft, Gary Davis

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

Agenda Item 1

Kara Keeler agreed to serve as president of the society.

Agenda Item 2 Election of Officers.

By-laws were consulted and quorum was ascertained. The slate of officers are as follows:

President	Kara Keeler
Vice President	Gary Davis
Treasurer	Paula Ptaszek
Secretary	Jeane LaPorta
Trustees	Charles Schram
	Robert LaPorta
	Nick Zasorin

Bob LaPorta, moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Nick Zasorin, second. Approved.

Agenda Item 3 Status of the 501(c)3

This item was tabled until an extension of the provisional charter from the State of New York is approved.

Agenda Item 4 Adoption of the resolution and petition to apply for the provisional charter extensions.

Bob LaPorta explained the process for extending the provisional charter and read both the resolution and petition. A fee of \$60.00 is charged by NYS for processing and is to accompany the application. Nick Zasorin moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Paula Ptaszek. Approved. A second motion to move forward with the petition was presented by Charlie Schram, seconded by Nick Zasorin. This motion also passed.

Agenda Item 5 Membership Letter

The membership letter previously sent to the officers was discussed and minor changes made. Bob LaPorta will correct the letter and submit it to the members for their review and input. The approved membership appeal letter will be sent to the member distribution list once final draft is agreed upon.

Agenda Item 6 Update and corrections to the CHS flyer

The need to update the CHS flyer was discussed, and a committee was established for a review of that document. Kara Keeler, Paula Ptaszek, and Mary Luft volunteered to serve on the flier committee.

Agenda Item 7 Review of CHS logo

The society logos were discussed. This is a continuation of last month's discussion on logos. Bob LaPorta reported that the current logo was approved by the CHS June 3, 2017, during the annual meeting. Discussion on logos was tabled until members could review both the original logo, created by Francis Kucija, and the logo voted in 2017. Kara Keeler, a graphic designer, offered professional assistance with the logo.

Agenda Item 8 Dedication of Fuller/Ginsberg historic home.

Jeane LaPorta announced that the Conyn Homestead on Spook Rock Road, Claverack, has received a Pomeroy Foundation Historic marker. The property's owners Nancy Fuller (Farm House Rules) and David Ginsberg are planning a commemoration and celebration to take place on July 21, 2024, at 12:00 (Noon). Nancy has offered to host brunch in the historic home, and tours of the home will be given. The public is invited. Jeane asks if members would like to help out. The marker dedication qualifies as a historical program. Planning will be taking place in the near future with Nancy. Anyone interested in helping is asked to let Jeane know as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 9 plans for the America 250 Anniversary event.

This item was tabled until the absent members could be present.

Agenda Item 10 Churchtown Firehouse

Nick advised the members that the disposal of the Churchtown Firehouse and its contents are prescribed by state law. The CHS has no vested interest and is not part of this discussion.

Agenda Items 11 Shaw Bridge.

There is a lot of controversy over what will become of the historic Shaw Bridge. Many residents and CHS members feel this is not an issue and do not want it restored while

others are willing to explore what can be done to at least maintain the structure. Currently the issue is tabled.

Agenda Item 12 Town history as an economic development tool.

Paula Ptaszek discussed the need to identify the historic value of the town and promote those issues for economic development. She is in the process of identifying and repairing the historic markers in Claverack. The library is celebrating a birthday and is looking into several options to promote the history of the town including creating a calendar, driving tour of the town's historic sites, reproducing old post cards and applying for a grant to research Native American life before the Dutch settlers arrived in Claverack.

New Business.

Members were invited to attend the Flag Day luncheon, sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This event will be held on June 9, 2024, at 2:00PM at Anthony's Restaurant in Catskill, NY. An invitation will be forthcoming.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024, at the Claverack Library, 5:30PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob LaPorta, second, Charlie Schram. The meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

Jeane LaPorta,
Secretary