

Claverack Historical Society
Minutes
June 19, 2024

The hybrid meeting of the Claverack Historical Society (CHS) held at the Claverack Library History Room, was called to order by President Kara Keeler at 5:35PM. Present were, Kara, Paula Ptaszek, Bob and Jeane LaPorta, Nick Zasorin, Gary Davis (Zoom).

Minutes from May 7m 2024 meeting were sent by email previously. There were no corrections from the floor, Minutes were accepted as written and entered into the secretaries file.

Treasurer's report was given by Paula. There were no changes. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed in the treasurer's record.

The membership appeal letter and renewal form, prepared by Mary Luft, were reviewed. Jeane will edit the paragraph about the Conyn historic marker program planned for July 21, 2024, and provide that to members by email for review and approval this week, so that the letter and renewal form can be sent to members as soon as possible.

The new CHS logo was reviewed. Kara shared two designs and will edit and send to members via email for approval so that the new logo can be included on all the membership materials and brochures.

The Conyn/Fuller historic marker dedication was discussed. The event is scheduled for July 21, 2024, at 12PM at the Conyn Homestead 644 Spook Rock Road. Kara, Paula, Gary, Nick and Jeane and Bob volunteered to help at the event. Jeane will discuss plans with Nancy Fuller who owns the property with her husband, David Ginsberg, and report back to members. Ms. Fuller invited the CHS during the event with membership materials and to help where needed. Ms Fuller plans to provide a brunch and host the general public for tours of the lower level of the restored c1766 home.

Kara volunteered to take care of the CHS website in the absence of a webmaster since Nate Schram stepped down last month.

Gary asked about furthering collaboration between the town's economic development and the historic society and the benefit of the latter on the town's economic vitality. Gary asked to have John Lee, chair of the Claverack Economic Development Committee join the CHS meetings.

The topic of important historic landmarks in the town was discussed. That discussion was tabled pending recommendations for a workable plan the society can adopt to promote the conservation of historic landmarks. All members agreed that the Shaw bridge remains the highest priority for conservation.

Next meeting, July 12, 2024, at 5:30PM at the library history room. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Jeane LaPorta,
Secretary