



Claverack Historical Society

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January 14, 2026

A general meeting of members was called to order by President Nicon Zasorin at 5:30PM. Board members present were, Vice President Gary Davis, Treasurer Paula Ptaszek, Secretary Jeane LaPorta, Trustees Bob LaPorta, Richard Bazelow. Several members were in attendance.

The minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting were sent previously. Motion made by Bob LaPorta, (Second Richard Bazelow) to accept the minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$698.34 in the bank account. Expenses were paid out for the Website in the amount of \$261.08 and \$119.99. The insurance policy was paid \$205.13 to the Dryden Insurance Co. through Kneller Insurance agency. Four new members were added during the Whaling program opening event at the library on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at \$40.00.

Gary volunteered to write the grant for the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation which is due tomorrow. Jeane will provide the link and Bob volunteered to assist with any documents that may be needed. The purpose of the request for funding is for expenses related to membership development.

Nick and Gary volunteered to meet with Nate Schram, Web Manager, to discuss updates to the site. Jeane will provide information about the current images on the site.

An email will be sent to members announcing the Women and Whaling Program that will be held at the Claverack Library on February 13, 2026. An announcement will be forthcoming that can be sent.

Gary discussed the Historic House Tour program being considered for late summer or fall 2026 with an opening reception at the Talavera Estate (William Van Ness House) route 9H. The Yorke Distillery (Cooper's Daughter) was also suggested as an option for a reception if Talavera is not available.

The by-laws committee plans to meet soon. A date for the meeting will be decided and the board informed.

Jeane reported on the Claverack250! Celebration Committee. The report is attached. Jeane will call a meeting of the subcommittee. Suggestions to have the meeting on a Sunday afternoon were met with approval and Jeane will suggest some dates in the near future and inform the board. The meeting will be either hybrid or entirely via Zoom.

The next meeting of the Claverack Historical Society will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Claverack Free Library History Room and Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

The program on whaling and whaling commerce in the area included showing of the film "An Epistolary Drama: a Tale of Whaling." Director of the film Miranda Barry gave an introduction about producing the film and the research that was involved. Ms Barry acknowledged Richard Bazelow's extensive collection of letters and documents that were used in the production.

Jeane LaPorta
Secretary