



Claverack Historical Society
PO Box 11
Claverack, NY 12513
October 8, 2025

The meeting of the board was called to order at 5:40PM. Present were President Nikon Zasorin, Vice President Gary Davis, Treasurer Paula Ptaszek, Secretary Jeane LaPorta, Trustees Bob LaPorta, Richard Bazelow, Kara Keeler, Thea Schoep, Brenda Shufelt.

The minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting were sent previously. Of note the proposed Fairview Manor tour could not be accommodated September 27th. Motion made by Bob LaPorta, (Second Richard Bazelow) to accept the minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Nikon announced that the Society's 501c3 was received. The next step will be to apply for the NYS tax exemption certificate. Paula volunteered to apply.

The constitution and by-laws will be reviewed and suggestions brought to membership. Thea agreed to chair the constitution group. Paula and Richard also volunteered.

Kara provided three note card designs for the group to select from. The note cards will be used to acknowledge participants of Claverack History Day 2025 and for any future events. A vote of those present yielded the card with ferns the first choice. A list of participants in Claverack History Day is attached. Kara will prepare the thank you notes for the History Day participants.

Nikon motioned to: "purchase of a roll of "Forever" stamps to send the cards." (Jeane second). The motion carried. Nikon motioned to allow up to \$100.00 for the cost to print the note cards. Paula second and the motion carried. Paula agreed to purchase the stamps and to take a thank you note to the Columbia County Sheriff's office for Officer McMahon, who managed their exhibit at the History Day.

Kara Keeler designed the current Claverack Historical Society logo, which is the one at the top of this page, and granted verbal permission for the society to use this logo for their purposes. Kara agreed to provide a written statement of permission for the logo use.

Events insurance vs a liability policy for the society will be explored. Paula volunteered to research insurance and report at the next meeting.

Ideas for future programs were reviewed. The list is attached. Meetings will be for general membership with time at the beginning for the board to meet prior to general membership. The November meeting will be held at the Robert Jenkins House Hudson on the 19th, beginning at 5:30 PM for the board, 6 PM general membership. Permission to use the house will be obtained by Jeane. The program will include a tour of the house which Jeane volunteered to lead.

Paula motioned that the January program will be on Claverack's whaling history, second Gary. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting will be held Sunday, January 11th, 3 PM. Richard agreed to chair the program. The movie "Whaling in Hudson?" "What?" will be shown along with an exhibit and talk. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Jeane LaPorta
Secretary