

Claverack Historical Society
PO Box 11
Claverack NY 12513
November 19, 2025

The meeting of the board was called to order at 5:40PM. Present were President Nikon Zasorin, Vice President Gary Davis, Trustees Richard Bazelow, Thea Schoep, and John Bradley.

The minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting were sent to members previously. Gary motioned to accept minutes with corrections. (Second by Richard Bazelow)

Financial Report

Paula reported that the CHS currently has \$1,020.57 in CHS Bank account.

Insurance Quotes

Paula provided two insurance quotes for event liability insurance. Fingar Insurance agency recommended Travelers Ins Co, for \$2 million dollars coverage was \$437.29. The second quote was for the same amount of coverage from Kneller Insurance Co of Chatham NY quoted at \$205. Gary will review the quotes. Nick agreed to review coverages from other organizations.

New Membership and Thank You Notes

Kara agreed to send out the thank you notes using generic notes before Thanksgiving. Paula requested guidance about sending out membership renewal notices.

By Laws

Thea, Richard and Paula plan to meet to work on the by-law's changes, December 11, 2025, 12-2PM.

Future Events

January 2026 whaling exhibit "The History of Hudson Whaling and Maritime Commerce" event. Clarification regarding the Sunday January 11th date and time of 3:00pm which actually represents the opening of the exhibit in the community room. The community room will house the whaling exhibit. Other spaces upstairs in the library can be used for images, etchings and lithographs, not directly tied to the main exhibit narrative downstairs. Thea requested from Richard an idea of images and descriptions to accompany the images. Richard is also checking with the Copake Auction Company about an exhibit display case. The exhibit will run for approximately 6 weeks beginning January 11th. There will be two movies available on the Hudson Library YouTube channel: "Whaling in Hudson What!" will be shown at the opening of the exhibit. The second movie, "An Epistolary Tail", will be shown at the January 14th CHS meeting.

Jeane LaPorta
CHS Secretary
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Friday January 23, 2026, the library will host a "Sea Shanty" sing along led by the musicians from the movie the "An Epistolary Tale".

Proposed Future Programs

"Hudson's Women in Whaling": Richard will discuss with Brenda Shufelt, Program Manager for the Hudson Area Library, history room. Both participated in the DAR Hudson program in March. The CHS program would be similar. .

Historic house tour: fall 2026 and another Claverack History Day were suggested. Paula recommended inviting the Columbia County Sheriffs to do a history talk similar to the presentation given during Claverack History Day I. John Bradley suggested doing something on the history of the Fairview Manor (Flack House).

Next meeting: An additional CHS meeting will be held on Dec 10th, at 5:30pm regarding the program agenda for that event.