

Claverack Historical Society
PO Box 11
Claverack, NY 12513
March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

A meeting of Claverack Historical Society was called to order by Vice President Gary Davis at 5:40 PM.

Those present were Gary Davis, Jeane LaPorta, Bob LaPorta, Thea Schoep, Paula Patzsak Rich Breslow and Noelle Toland.

Minutes from the January 14, 2026, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$496.26 with two new members being added this month. Gary will look into the application forms for details on tax filing dates.

Thea felt that a thank you letter should go out with all new membership cards. All present thought this was a good idea that should be implemented.

Grant Activity

The grant application to the Bank of Greene County was submitted on time and we are awaiting their response, hopefully sometime in April. There are other grants that are available such as the Columbia County Historical Society for \$500.00, and The Ackerman Foundation Grant for \$5000.00. The Ackerman Foundation portal just opened and is accepting applications.

Website Update

Gary will try to set up a meeting with Nate Schram to discuss cleaning and updating the website and adding links. There was confusion related to the cost for the website. Jeane and Paula reported that the payment is on a two year cycle and nothing was paid last year. There are two payments made. One for the domain and the second for the platform.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Possible events were discussed including a historic house tour. Jeane and Gary will share a list of historic homes from previous tours. The Klocke event scheduled for May 13, 2026 is designed to celebrate the first time the phrase "Cocktail" was used in the Hudson paper. This might become a county wide event with the assistance of New York Representative Didi Barrett. We are awaiting more information.

By-Laws Committee Update

The by-laws committee will continue to meet and will report their findings at the next meeting. Committee members are Rich, Thea and Paula.

Claverack 250

Jeane reported that the Claverack 250 committee has been meeting every other week and reported the following.

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- 1 Thea has been researching the banner and flags to be carried in the parade scheduled for June 13, 2026.
- 2 Dave Merritt will provide dinosaurs similar to those created for the 1964 worlds fair in 1/10 size.
- 3 Kara suggested that kids dress in dinosaur outfits or tee shirts with some type of logo and walk with the Claverack contingent.
- 4 The town board will meet on April 9th to discuss adopting a resolution to support and provide a trailer, vehicle and assistance with modifications for the parade.

Jeane will sign up the Claverack contingent on the flag day website.

Paula spoke with Salem Tractor to secure a trailer and tractor for use in the parade.

Next Claverack 250 meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2026, at 3 PM.

New Business

Gary introduced Noelle Toland and briefly described her background in social media. She has agreed to update our media presence with interesting historical facts about Claverack approximately every other week. Items of interest such as gravestones of patriots, pictures of historical artifacts, and a now and then segment were discussed. She will work with Thea to see what is in the History Room that would be of interest. Gary will reach out to Kara to see what she has done in the area of social media.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 22, 2026, at 5:30 PM by Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.