



Claverack Historical Society

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March 19, 2025

The joint meeting of the Claverack Historical Society and the Claverack 250 committee was called to order by Vice President Gary Davis at 10:12AM. The Zoom link was not admitting attendees. Present for the meeting were Nick Zasorin, Paula Ptaszek, Sal Cozzolino, Jeane LaPorta, Bob LaPorta. The minutes of the Feb. 19, 2025 meeting were sent previously. Hearing no corrections or additions a motion was made by Nick Zasorin to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

The first order of business was to approve the offices of President and Trustee. Jeane made a motion that Nick Zasorin would serve as president. Gary Davis second. Approved unanimously.

Nick made the motion that Kara Keeler serve as Trustee, second by Paula Ptaszek. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer gave a summary of the finances. The only expense to date was \$60.00 for the NYS education department the fee for the Interim Charter extension. Acknowledgement of the application was received. No update as to the status of the interim charter at this date.

Gary agreed to speak with Ian Nitschke about the possibility of having the funds that were raised for "Claverack Pathways" and held by an independent 501c3, transferred to the Claverack Historical Society. Gary will report back about this at the next meeting.

The member renewal letter is ready to mail out this week. Jeane will send the letter and the tri-fold informational brochure to the list of members, Reverend Valarie Funk, Claverack Reformed Dutch Church, and other new members by Friday March 21, 2025.

Program and ideas to raise some funds were reviewed and discussed at length. Gary prepared a spread sheet of topics that were previously discussed, and he agreed to forward it to Jeane to include with the minutes.

Programs that were highlighted to open the CHS committee season this spring include:

1. The whaling movie, "Whaling in Hudson? What?" produced by local filmmaker Karl Frederick Mattson of 542, presented at the Hudson Area Library on March 6, 2025. It was agreed that an exhibition of whaling artifacts would compliment showing of the film. This suggested event was discussed and agreed later in the summer, August, or fall would be opportune since Sal has a painting of a whaling ship that is currently on loan at the Hudson Library and could be included then.
2. A tour of the Claverack Reformed Dutch Church historic cemetery was discussed. Sal and members of the church congregation have expertise on the Revolutionary War era grave sites that would frame the program. Refreshments could be served. Sal and Nick agreed to be the lead this event and will contact the Pastor and board for dates and requirements.
3. A tour and history talk at the *Coopers Daughters Spirits Olde York Far*, Claverack was discussed. A successful CHS program was held there a number of years ago and included a history talk by cooper and co-owner Stuart Newsom, a tasting and light luncheon. About thirty guests attended at that time. It was

believed that it is not too soon, since it has been at least five years, to have another event at the Yorke distillery. <https://coopersdaughter.com/story>. Paula agreed to speak with the owners of Yorke about having an event there and the dates.

4. Gary suggested CHS host an event at **Klocke Estate** incorporating the society's artifacts and reception at that location. Gary asked for ideas for the theme. Gary will speak with the owner of Klocke to find out if this is possible, dates and times. <https://www.klocke-estate.com/>
5. In addition, Paula suggested hosting a combined cooking and history program. Contacting Nancy Fuller about doing something like this at the historic Conyn Homestead that is owned by Nancy and husband David Ginsberg and where her TV program "Farm House Rules" was filmed. Jeane agreed to contact Nancy by email about her possible interest in hosting an event, and to send the membership renewal information to them.
6. The Jan Van Hoesen house was introduced by Paula who spoke with Board of Directors President Ed Klinger about presenting about the house as a program that could be held in the library's first floor meeting room. Paula will look into this suggestion.

It was agreed that the list is sufficient for now and will be reported on at the next meeting by those who agreed to do contact them.

The CHS artifacts were discussed. Those present were made aware that the Claverack Free Library agreed to store the Claverack Historical Society artifacts, but the library does not own them. A complete detailed list, and accession sheets for each item, were prepared and copies provided to the library and CHS file. Sal reminded the group that the artifacts are owned by the people of Claverack. If an event is contracted at the Klocke Estate the artifacts could be exhibited for all to enjoy.

Jeane reported on the Claverack 250 Float Committee. Jeane read a note from Vicki Simpson Judd, Executive Director of the Jan Van Hoesen/ Charles Marriott House Foundation, the c1700 Dutch house on route 66 Dutch Acres Park in Claverack, about plans to purchase the house and conserve it as a stop on the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad scenic route in conjunction with NYS Tourism. Jeane explained that all of the topics discussed today are relevant to the 250th activities. Jeane explained that the Claverack Board will be asked to consider a Resolution supporting the proposal for the Van Hoesen house.

Next meeting was set for either 4/22 or 4/25 at 5:30PM both in person and Zoom.

With no further new business the meeting was adjourned at 11:32AM.

Submitted,

Jeane LaPorta
Secretary