

Claverack Historical Society
Minutes
September 17, 2025

A meeting of Claverack Historical Society was called to order by President Nick Zasorin at 5:35 PM.

Those present were Nick Zasorin, Gary Davis, Jeane LaPorta, Bob LaPorta, Thea Schoep, and Kara Keeler.

Minutes from the last meeting dated August 13, 2025, were accepted as written with a motion presented by Bob and seconded by Nic. No treasurers report was available for this meeting.

Gary and Nick reported that the application for the 501(c)3 has been submitted. The NTEE code used in this application was A82, Historical Preservation, This process can take up to 120 days to complete. The initial fee of \$275.00 was paid by Gary and a motion to reimburse Gary from available funds was presented by Bob, second by Nick and passed.

The status of the Claverack History Day was the next order of business. This event is a collaboration between the Claverack Library History Room and Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack. The events at the library will include a reading, presented to children, by illustrator Jaquelin Rogers. The reading will be from her book "A Free Woman on God's Earth" about Mum Bet. Representatives from the Van Housen Historic house will be present to talk about their work on this historic house project and the underground railroad. This event will have a video loop and display table. The Columbia County Sheriff's department will be available at the Library, with vehicle and possibly K-9 police dog and drone demonstration. Events at the Reformed Dutch Church will include sanctuary tours, a cemetery tour and an organ recital by Keith Niver. Joanna's Restaurant in Claverack will be available to provide food for those interested. Nick will work at the CHS display table at the church and Paula will work at the CHS display table at the Library. The flyer describing Claverack History Day will be sent to all members by email and is displayed throughout the community.

Fairview Manor Restoration project was discussed, and it was felt that tours of this historic property should be included for September 27th. due to its location in the hamlet. Gary will talk with Brooke, property owner, to see if this can be arranged.

The CHS poster was discussed, and a motion was presented by Jeane to have Staples complete this project for \$275.00. Nick seconded this motion, and it was carried. Other quotes were from Pro Printers and Chatham Printers.

The next meeting of the CHS will be on October 8th with a board meeting at 5:30 PM and a semiannual members meeting, open to all members, at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be held in the History Room of the Claverack Library.

Thea suggested sending a thank you note for all donations and new member signups. Further discussion will take place on this topic.

New programs to consider were a January Zoom Program and a program on the history of the AB Shaw fire company.

A couple of members will review and give suggestions regarding updates to the website. Jeane will contact Nate Schram to complete corrections and updates.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.
J LaPorta, Secretary