

Town of Horicon Historical Society (HHS) – February 9, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society February 9, 2026 monthly meeting was held at the Horicon Town Center and was called to order by President, Sylvia Smith at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Mary Ann Hill, Diane Loika, and Bill Ommerborn. Other members present were Bob Smith, Horicon Supervisor Wayne Butler, Barbara LaFond, and Melanie Fuerst.

Minutes:

- Minutes from December 8th 2025, monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting with a few handed out. Melanie stated that her name needed corrected, Fue(R)st. Bill Ommerborn made a motion to accept the minutes with correction, and Mary Ann Hill seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Diane Loika presented the Treasurer's reports for the Months of December 2025/January 2026. Bill Ommerborn made a motion to accept the report as received, MaryAnn Hill seconded and the motion passed.

Mail: Received quarterly letters from Warren County and Warrensburg Historical Societies that will be put in our Carriage House for anyone to read.

Supervisor Report: Wayne Butler

- Wayne stated that the wires and cones in front and beside the Heintzelman will be removed this week.

President's Report: Sylvia Smith

- On January 15th, a board meeting was to discuss the board and committees assignments, how committees should work in 2026 and review of a draft membership renewal letter. If you would like a copy of the minutes, let Janet know and she can make you a copy.
- On February 4th Sylvia, Diane and Bill went to the Arrow Bank and got Bill set up for Treasurer stuff. Welcome aboard Bill!
- Kathy Hill along with Sylvia and Diane got the receipts together and closed out the Grant on time. Thank you everyone.
- The workshops have started. Janet, along with Shelly Gautreau and Melanie Fuerst, has been working on the accession lists. They have been working in the tool room and found we have doubles. We need to decide whether to give to another Historical Society, sell, or etc?
- Paul Holmes research project (100-year span of deaths, causes, etc) for the Town of Horicon has been completed. It will be in the Carriage House for this year. Thank you, Paul!

Historian Report: Colleen Murtagh (out sick)

- Report attached

Sunshine Committee Report:

- Cards were mailed to the following; Jim Ventura, Curt Cleveland, Martin Meade, Alice Wood, Sue Hill, Bill Millington, Gert Remington, Grace Meade, Vicki Monthony, and Bernie Winchip. We hope our friends/family are getting better.

Programs:

June 27th – Caro Smith House Tour (Dan and Carre Babson)

July 28th – Dan Berggren & Peggy Lynn (7 pm, Tuesday at Horicon Town Center)

August 8th – Christmas in August Yard Sale at the Adirondack Annex (9 am to 2 pm)

August 16th - Sing Along (Laurence Meltzer and Joe Millington) at our Carriage House

September DTD – NWCS 4th Grade Educational Tour

Old Business:

- We still need the ground spike at our Carriage House
- Bill Millington will be doing a Stonehurst stained glass lighted frame before our opening this year.

New Business:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chestertown – agreed to march
- Series of Historic House Tours in Horicon
- Sylvia Smith and Mary Jo Hebert will be doing the article for the BLA newsletter.
- Starting in March, the "Snippet" section will start again. Janet will do the "cd."
- Riverside Gallery will be closing on December 19th of this year, MaryAnn made a motion to spend \$2,000.00 on getting pictures, maps etc framed ASAP so that we don't lose out. Bill Ommerborn seconded and all approved. All items have to belong to the museum!

Comments from the Floor: no comments

Adjournment:

- Mary Ann Hill made a motion and Diane Loika seconded.
- Next meeting will be March 9th at the Town Center at 6 pm. Everyone stay warm and hope to see you in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Loika

Horicon Historian's Report

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*researched and answered inquiry regarding a Rev. Alford Taylor, Episcopal priest in Chestertown and Brant Lake. He was the rector responsible for building St. Paul's. He immigrated from England in the mid 1880's and eventually married into a prominent family from Chestertown.

*began working on the spring article for the BrantLaker

*continued the ongoing project of organizing business and family files in my office and from home.

*researched a request for information on the Densmore family

*sent a reminder to NCPR that we are waiting for a date for our "North Country At Work" session.