

Town of Horicon Historical Society (HHS) – June 8, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society June 8, 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, Kathy Hill, Janet Early, Bill Ommerborn and John Caruso. Other members present were Camille Dougan, Barbara Blum, Barbara LaFond, Jim Ventura, Mary Jo Hebert, Melanie Fuerst, Teri Schuerlein and Supervisor Wayne Butler

Minutes:

- Minutes from May 11, 2026 monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting. Janet Early motioned to accept the minutes as received and Bill Omerborn seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bill Ommerborn presented the Treasurer's reports for the Month of May 2026. Kathy Hill made a motion to accept the report as received, John Caruso seconded and the motion passed. Diane Loika commented that the Military account numbers on the May Treasurer's report had a typo, the board agreed to accept the report with correction in July.

Mail: Historical Society letter from Chestertown Historical Society.

Supervisor Report:

- Supervisor Butler stated that renovations at the Heintzelman are nearly complete. Horicon Councilperson Mike Hill is supervising the museum grounds cleanup crew, keeping a calendar and that the hot water heater in the Brant Lake Museum will be replaced.
- Barbara LaFond asked whose responsibility it is to clean the cemetery stones and Sylvia Smith advised that the stones are the responsibility of the cemetery plot owners.

President's Report: Sylvia Smith

- Sylvia wants to thank:
- To Rob Wallace & crew for assisting John Caruso to move the boats
 - To Bob Smith for taking the covers off the barn and moving the porch furniture, and Diane Loika for uncovering the washing machine on the porch
 - To all committee chairs and teams for another very active month
- Donations of items were accepted from Teri Schuerlein – a Carlino's Store advertisement and Diane Loika – fishing gear, and Ken Jones – fishing creel, these items will be accessed.
 - Four (4) frames have been completed at Riverside Gallery & Bob Smith will hang two in the Brant Lake Museum and Mary Ann Hill will take two to the Adirondack Annex to be hung. Of the \$2000 budgeted.
 - 200 copies of a new HHS letterhead style will be printed and used for special needs
 - The Brant Lake Farmers Market will be making a donation of money to the HHS
 - Board members Sylvia Smith, Mary Ann Hill, Diane Loika, John Caruso, and Janet Early met again with Sing Along Program Director Lawrence Meltzer to confirm that the August 16, 2026 program will indeed take place at the Carriage House in Brant Lake
 - A head count of members in possession of a key to the Brant Lake Museum was taken, with 6 in total, and a protocol that all committee team leaders must be present when their teams are working in the museums was reiterated
 - Vicki has started Spring cleaning
 - A short meeting after the regular meeting was requested of the board and all attendees

Historian Report: Colleen Murtagh provided an email of her monthly research to the board prior to the meeting, it is attached.

Sunshine Committee Report:

- Cards were mailed to: Sympathy card to the Cleveland family and Get well cards to Sue Hill, Cindy Eadtman, Dave Bourque, Sherry Peet, and Gert Newton was sent this month.

Events Committee Report: Mary Jo Hebert – Chairperson Report Attached

Adirondack Museum Annex:

- Mary Ann Hill reported that the new windows will be painted by Wednesday
- Rob Wallace will paint the bathroom floor – new paint in in the building
- Barbara Blum completed the bathroom sink skirt
- Cleaning will begin Thursday
- Bob Smith will hang two new pieces of framed artifacts
- Dan Smith has been contacted about volunteering in Adirondack, but Melanie Fuerst hopes to be able to do Thursdays in 2026

Accession Committee:

- Extra Tools have been identified and will be divided into four (4) groups. Motion was made to accept these groups of tools, John Caruso seconded and the motion passed. Sylvia Smith proposed a sales table at Brant Lake Museum when we are open. We can set up tool items that are duplicates, not of antique value, and also feature miscellaneous items.

Grants Committee: Kathy Hill confirmed that the CFGMR grant was submitted and confirmation of same was previously emailed to the board

Membership Committee: Diane Loika advised that memberships renewals came in strong and we gained seven (7) new members to date..

Comments from the Floor:

- Kathy Hill solicited attendees to provide her with additional locations to place posters for the House Tour event, many posters have already been hung, and advertising is taking place through Chambers of Commerce, other historical societies, social media, and BLA and ESSLA
- John Caruso gave a thumbs up for the new flooring in the Carriage House that had been installed since he left in the Fall

Adjournment:

- Mary Ann Hill motioned and Bill Ommerborn seconded for adjournment and the motion passed.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2026 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Hill, Secretary