

STARSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Starksboro Historical Society January 19, 2026. 6:30 pm. Starksboro Public Library *Draft until approved.*

Present: Dan Baker, Olive Phillips, Elsa Gilbertson, Keven Hanson, Cecilia Elwert, Herb Olson, Evelyn Boardman.

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The draft agenda was approved. Herb was appointed to prepare draft minutes of this meeting. As Herb writes these minutes he writes a memo to self: "Don't volunteer to write minutes unless you plan to do so promptly following the meeting!"

Historical Presentation: Kevin Hansen made a terrific presentation entitled "Carpenter and Hawkins - General Merchandise". Joel Carpenter, an ancestor of Kevin's, ran the store in the Village from January, 1887 to March, 1889. The presentation can be viewed on the our website, linked here <https://www.starksboromeetinghouse.org/shs/images/Carpenter-Hawkins.pdf>

Discussion: Planning for the 250th.

- SHS is coordinating with neighboring historical societies for the 250th celebration. Together, we are developing a Passport Program, identifying six sites in each town of historical interest. SHS members will be preparing a proposed list in the weeks to come.
- Also in the planning stage is to prepare and make available information on Starksboro Revolutionary Veterans. Parenthetical to that effort, Cecilia is organizing an event with the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association on June 20th to conduct a restoration of the Village Cemetery. Volunteers and equipment needed.
- Finally, members discussed plans to display old tools and equipment; for example, a potato digger, a side hill plow, a handmowing demonstration, and things of that sort.

Business meeting:

- The Minutes of the October 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Elsa, second by Olivia, the Minutes were approved. The approved Minutes are linked here
- The Annual Treasurer's Report, prepared by Kevin, was reviewed and accepted on motion by Cecilia, second by Herb. The Report is linked here <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MRPihS4RsYxLBxs8sqRAY5XQwCRMggfX/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103093270579167573969&rtpof=true&sd=true> The current Treasurer's Report is linked here https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16F_6TypQiP0MSgfAu_Kys9bfw37L6iio/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103093270579167573969&rtpof=true&sd=true
- The Archivist Report, prepared by Kevin, was reviewed and accepted on motion by Cecilia, second by Herb, together with the current Report. The Reports are linked here https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rb0nde_ZYubfqSz4zB0rrT9JsZ6tU5Lb/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103093270579167573969&rtpof=true&sd=true and here

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- The President's Report, prepared by Dan, was reviewed and accepted, on motion by Cecilia, second by Herb. The Report is linked here https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UshFUt8lESle4lmM1lQTH_rSg35c94tt/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103093270579167573969&rtpof=true&sd=true
(Note: the minute taker's notes show that Cecilia moved and Herb seconded acceptance of all reports, but his notes were "cryptic". Members can correct this item if necessary at the next SHS meeting.)
- Election of Officers: On motion of Kevin, second by Elsa, the current officers were re-elected: President: Dan Baker; Vice-President: Olive Phillips; Treasurer: Kevin Hanson. Secretary: none appointed. At-large offices: Peg Casey and Herb Olson.

Other business. Dan will reach out to Monique Thurston to see if she is interested in being appointed Secretary. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 3rd. Elsa commented that Peg was suggesting we offer for sale the 250th Celebration T-shirts designed by Cynthia Kling.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Herb Olson