



## NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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### MEETING MINUTES November 8, 2020 Virtual

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. with 24 members present.

First thing President Marshfield would like to do is thank Clay Converse for all of his hard work and getting this virtual meeting together for us.

November 10, 2019 meeting minutes were read and approved

Year to date January through November 2020 Treasurers report were read and approved

#### **Meeting Schedule for 2021**

A resolution was made to set our 2021 meeting schedule.

A resolution was also made to allow the executive committee to change the meetings to virtual if we are still dealing with Covid-19. The membership will be notified at least 2 weeks in advance by the newsletter and the website.

**Nominating Committee Recommendations** - Motion was made and approved the following nominations:

Election of officers as follows:

Wayne Marshfield – President  
Gretchen Broke – First Vice President  
Clay Converse – Second Vice President  
Carol Fortin – Treasurer  
Stephanie Marshfield – Recording Secretary  
Marcia Bailey – Corresponding Secretary

**Trustees:**

Marcia Bailey – Trustee term ending 2021  
Victor Iwanow – Trustee term ending 2022 (Replaced Anita Baldwin)  
Camille Bach – Trustee term ending 2023  
Karen Marshfield – Trustee term ending 2024 (Replaces Donna Freeland)  
Linda Schott – Trustee term ending 2025

Appointed Positions:

Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead  
Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield  
Store Keeper: Linda Schott

**Business:**

President Marshfield recommends a resolution to transfer photographs and slide items from existing storage facility to the Oxford Resource Center. This would allow for sorting and reducing the amount photos and slides as there are several for any one bridge. They would be filed, cataloged and scanned for digitizing. Motion was made and passed to move forward.

President Marshfield would like a resolution to designate the Theodore Burr Resource Center as an honorary member of the Society. Motion made and passed

**Americana Covered Bridge:** President Marshfield indicated that he is a little bit embarrassed that this has gotten away from us all these years. This Bridge did not deteriorate overnight. It is in bad condition and if it is not stabilized, it will not make the winter. It is a small bridge about 33 feet in length with a Warren Truss one of only two in New York State. The owner called and indicated that the bridge is “sinking”. The abutment on one end is caving in towards the waterway. The crossbeams are in extremely poor condition some being completely rotted. Pictures were emailed to Arnold Graton for his professional opinion and he said it is in terrible shape. It appears to have a broken or crushed lower cord, and it looks like a few diagonal ends may need to be spliced. This bridge is small enough that with a little support it could be jacked up easily to do the work. Graton estimated \$60-\$70,000 to stabilize and do a good portion of the work. The owner’s husband died, and she has been unable to keep up with the maintenance of the Americana Village or the bridge. She has contacted a local contractor that she feels comfortable with that has quoted a price of \$3,700 to stabilize the bridge so it will not collapse over the winter. President Marshfield would like to ask the society to fund up to one half the contract amount to stabilize the bridge with the maximum of \$2,000. Before payment is to be made, we need a copy of the cancelled check or other form of payment proof for the work and it must be submitted to the society for payment. The owner has all intents in trying to get a new roof on next spring. It was approved to fund up to \$2,000 for stabilization, providing a tarp is placed over the roof for the winter.

**Halls Mills Covered Bridge:** This is another bridge that could use added attention. President Marshfield is speaking to a legislative representative Michael Brooks and also spoke to a local person Renee Zelinsky. We are trying to see if we can get something done with the bridge. It is owned by the town of Neversink and the maintenance is to be done by Sullivan County. The society paid some of the cost to put a new abutment on one end. President Marshfield just wanted the society to know that he is working on it.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas for the website, please let us know. We agreed to offer payment for materials for Alice Bader and Jane Converse to make covered bridge face masks. Thanks to both.

President Marshfield has been in contact with the NYS Path through History program. There are 5 bridges in the state that do not yet have Path through History signs. They are Copeland, Shushan, Eagleville, Newfield and Jay. NYS Department of Transportation said they would get after their regions to get those signs up. It also was mentioned that Perrine Covered Bridge does not have any signs. President Marshfield said he would investigate that as well, but thought the bridge was in fact part of the designated historic municipality.

Ron Knapp gave an update on his new book.

Submitted by Stephanie Marshfield  
NYSCBS Recording Secretary