

New York State Covered Bridge Society Meeting

Salisbury Center, NY

June 8, 2025

Historian Brenda Barton, Salisbury Center welcomed our Society to their Grange Hall #624. Brenda remarked on the other 6 covered bridges that once existed in addition to the Salisbury Covered Bridge. She also gave information on the old mills that existed, grange hall, tanneries, a croquet factory, blacksmith shop and other historic structures in town. You went away with a feeling of the community's sense of pride in Salisbury Center. The hospitality was wonderful. Thank you to all.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm with 9 members and 16 guests present. Introductions were given by all members.

The April 27 meeting minutes were read by our Recording Secretary and approved unanimously.

The May treasurers report by our Treasurer Carol was given by Wayne and it was also approved unanimously.

Business:

1. Wayne explained the proposed amendment to the bylaws from our April meeting discussions.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – *Society meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of the month. Any other date to be approved by the Governing Board and **not less than six meetings per year**. One of these meeting may be a Safari.*

Members present recommended our bylaws be changed from not less than six meetings per year to not less than 4 meetings per year. It was noted we certainly can have more than 4 meetings per year, but not less than four. The motion passed unanimously and the change will be advertised in our newsletter and brought up for a vote at our November meeting in Hamden._

2. Our guest speaker for our September virtual meeting will be author and covered bridge enthusiast Bob Dover from the state of Maryland. Bob gave three subjects he could speak on and the membership agreed that speaking on the 7 covered bridges of Maryland would be of the most interest.
3. Wayne informed the members of the passing of members: Bill Baldwin and Arnold Graton. Our next newsletter will have their obituaries.
4. Wayne gave an update on our joint August Safari in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Planning has been completed and we have 29 signed up for attendance so far. The dates are August 9 and 10 and headquarters will be in Brattleboro, Vermont.
5. Wayne went over the October Hyde Hall bicentennial celebration. (table setups, speakers, vendors, covered bridge societies in attendance, entertainment, etc.) Join the fun!
6. Wayne and Karen went over their presentation on NYS Covered Bridges at Lorenzo's in Cazenovia. There were 40 – 50 people in attendance and it was very well received and we gained a couple memberships from it. It was a good day for all, despite the terribly rainy weather.
7. After the Cazenovia presentation Karen and Wayne went to the Americana Covered Bridge and were delighted in some serious repairs that were done. It had new floor beams and a new floor. It does need a new roof and it would further protect the work that has been done.
8. Wayne informed the members about the new mugs we have for sale in recognition of the Hyde Hall Bicentennial Celebration.
9. Newsletter information is needed for our July newsletter.
10. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

We were invited to the Salisbury Center Frisbee House for their open house,

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, Recording Secretary