

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of April 19, 2026
60th Anniversary
Coppertop Tavern, Syracuse, NY

Meeting opened at 2:05 pm after a delicious dinner. Nice dinner, nice place, nice service.

Introductions of 18 members and guests present.

Secretaries Report from November 2025, was read and approved.

Treasurers Report as of end of March 2026 was presented and approved.

Officers for 2026 are as follows:

President – Wayne Marshfield

Vice President – Victor Iwanow

Treasurer – Carol Fortin

Secretary – Karen Marshfield

Corresponding Secretary – Marcia Bailey

Historians – Trish Kane, Gary Beckstead

Storekeeper – Linda Schott

Newsletter Editor – Karen Marshfield

Trustees

Marcia Bailey (2026)

Susan Swanek (2027)

Clay Converse (2028)

David Wray (2029)

Linda Schott (2030)

Meeting locations for 2026

June 14th – Margaretville Telephone Company (mini safari Forge, Tappin Kittle,

Grant Mills) Confirmed

July 12th – Shushan CB Museum (mini safari, Shushan, Rexleigh, Eagleville, Buskirk,

and maybe Arlington in VT) Confirmed (times will change slightly, planning needs

to be done this spring)

September 13th – Virtual – guest speaker Ron Knapp, Chinese Covered Bridges.

October 17 – Meeting, Pot Luck luncheon, Wayne and Karen CB Power Point

presentation. Shinhopple NY Old historic log church. Very tentative at this point in time. More to come.

Business:

Tianaderrah Foundation \$2,000 grant was received to repaint and upgrade historic signs at Fitches and Downsville Covered Bridges. Actually, the signs have already been redone and are waiting for the Delaware County DPW to pick them up and re-install.

Hyde Hall/NYSCBS Mugs are for sale at \$5 each

Ideas on potential Fund raisers for the year. Discussed the “Bake Less Bake Sale” and all thought it would be a good idea. It will be posted on our website with a donate button for those interested.

It was approved to give a \$500 donation for the Perrine’s Covered Bridge fire retardant project. An application has been made and once we get a copy of an invoice, we will pay it to the Community Bridge Fund.

We spoke about a possible committee for the planning of meetings in 2027. Clay Converse and Anita Baldwin offered to serve on the committee and help in the planning. No less than 4 meetings are needed for the year and some may be virtual, but need a speaker.

Articles, pictures, etc. are needed for our July newsletter.

Gary spoke about his covered bridge and one in Newfoundland. He may get us some information for our next newsletter.

Good meeting, good dinner, good fellowship!

Adjournment at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary

2025 Year in Review

April meeting in Syracuse with Beth Brown, President of VCBS speaker. (21 present)

May, Karen and Wayne went to Cazenovia and presented power point on NY Covered Bridges. 40-50 present

June, meeting in Salisbury Center, historic landmarks and CB. 9 members and 16 guests present

July, Ashokan Center with 11 members present

August, Joint safari with the National, VT, NH, MA Covered Bridges. 12 members and 27 others from 8 states.

September, Virtual meeting with 14 members present – Bob Dover guest speaker

October, Hyde Hall 200 celebration. 2,000 to 2,500 attended, beautiful day. Knapp, Lewandoski, Rebman presented, 6 covered bridge societies present. Music, horse and buggy rides, food, speakers, CB sales.

November at Hamden, 21 signed up to attend so far.