

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of June 14, 2026

Margaretville Telephone Company Margaretville, NY

Meeting opened at 1:05 pm by President Marshfield

Introductions of 10 members present.

Secretaries Report from April 2026 meeting was presented by Karen and approved.

Treasurers Report as of end of May 2026 was presented by Wayne 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

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:

Wayne reported that the Downsville Covered Bridge is closed after an inspection. Two vertical braces are crushed and needs to be replaced. Delaware County DPW commissioner estimates a six-figure cost for repairs, but more to come. It will remain closed until repairs are made.

Tianaderrah Foundation \$2,000 grant was received to repaint and upgrade historic signs at Fitches and Downsville Covered Bridges. The signs were done and reinstalled at both locations. They look very nice and the billing was \$1,425. Bill has been paid.

Ideas on potential Fund raisers for the year. The “Bake Less Bake Sale” has been put on the website where there is a donate button for participation. Some donations have been received.

It was approved to give a \$500 donation for the Perrine’s ha Bridge fire retardant project at our April meeting. An application has been made and once we get a copy of an invoice, we will pay it to the Community Bridge Fund. The material was supposed to be delivered around the middle of May. More to come.

Clay Converse and Anita Baldwin offered to serve on a committee for planning our meetings in 2027. So far, they have found a good restaurant in Cazenovia for our April meeting. Some tweaking needs to be done and a deposit made if we decide to contract with them.

Articles, pictures, etc. are needed for our July newsletter. Would be nice to have them by the end of July.

We discussed the need to increase the price of some store items. Shirts will be going up by \$5.00 each.

Member news: Sue Swanek is home from a swing bed facility and is continuing her recuperation. Susan is a trustee of our Society. Best to her!

We have three new members attend this meeting, one from Cooperstown and two from Roscoe, near the Beaverkill Covered Bridge. A great joy!

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary

We went on a mini safari to Forge, Tappin-Kittle and Mill Brook Covered Bridges. Beautiful weather, great fellowship, nice group picture at Tappin Kittle. A nice ending to a great meeting day. Margaretville Telephone meeting facility was spectacular too.