

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of July 12, 2026

Shushan Covered Bridge One Room Schoolhouse

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:20 pm with 16 members present.
Secretaries Report from June 14 Margaretville was read by Karen and approved.
Treasurers Report as of end of June 2026 was read and approved as presented.

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 remainder of 2026

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

October 17 – Meeting, Pot Luck luncheon, Wayne and Karen will do a CB Power Point presentation.
Shinhopple NY at the Old historic log church. Karen and Wayne are meeting Kay Hampel from the Colchester Historical Society on July 16 th to firm up particulars. More to come.

Business:

Downsville Covered Bridge has been closed and according to The Reporter newspaper article the residents aren't pleased with it and want it reopened as soon as possible. Delaware County DPW closed the bridge due to a couple of deteriorated and "crushed" Long Truss members. It is estimated that the repairs will be in the six-figure range and that a new roof and further rehabilitation in the future will be in excess of seven figures. DCDPW would like to have the bridge reopened before winter.

The Bake Less Bake Sale is currently on our website and has a donate button associated with it. We have received some donations to date.

Perrine's Covered Bridge fire retardant material has been delivered, graffiti removed and expected to apply the retardant within the next week or two. Upon receipt of an invoice, our society will pay \$500 towards the installation of the fire retardant.

Last month a committee of Clay Converse and Anita Baldwin offered to research potential meeting locations and dates for 2027. Anita has done much research on our April meeting and found a facility with a good price and a private room at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia. They offered a choice of 8 different menu items for \$28 plus \$7 tip. Dinner includes a popover and drinks, but does not include desert. Our Society will bring a cake as done other years. They will need a \$100 deposit to reserve our proposed date of April 18, 2027. This was approved and Wayne will have Carol send them a check for our reservation.

Wayne tried to form a volunteer nomination committee and had no offers of wanting to be on the committee. According to our bylaws, July is the month we need to start the nomination process for 2027 officers. Offices up for nomination possibilities are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee position with Marcia Bailey's term expiring at the end of the year. Anyone interested in any of these positions, please contact Wayne.

Wayne spoke to the group about a replacement for Trish Kane at the Oxford Resource Center. Trish is retiring at the end of 2026. All the Societies around the nation have run article on it and there is hope that someone will meet the requirements and be able to fill the much-needed position.

Linda Schott reported that she has started a raffle for a 4-piece dinner set with covered bridges pictures on them. It is \$5 per raffle ticket and will be drawn at our April 18, 2027 meeting in Cazenovia.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm, and all went to visit the Museum prior to resuming our mini safari.

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary

The Mini safari started at 11 am at Buskirk, lunch at Bensons Family Diner, then off to Eagleville and then to Shushan. We visited Rexleigh Covered Bridge after our meeting. 9 participated in the safari, beautiful weather, great fellowship!