

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of September 13, 2026 Virtual

Prior to the meeting and at 1:10 pm, Ron Knapp gave us a nice presentation on Chinese Covered Bridges. Many of their covered bridges are very remote and several hundred years old and with a totally different architecture from American covered bridges. Towards the end of the presentation Ron gave an update on a Chinese covered bridge being built in Newbury, Vermont. At the end of the presentation, we had a questions and answer session. What a super interesting presentation and thank you so much Ron Knapp!

Regular Meeting

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 2:10 pm with 14 members present
Secretaries Report from July 12th in Shushan was read by Karen and approved
Treasurers Report as of the end of August 2026 was read by Carol 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 remainder of 2026

October 17 – Meeting, Pot Luck luncheon at noon, Wayne and Karen will do a CB Power Point presentation after the meeting. It is being held at Shinhopple NY at the Old historic log church. The Colchester Historical Society will join us at 1 pm for our meeting and afterwords for the presentation. To avoid duplication of the dinner item please call in your potluck dish selection to member Judie Smith at darbee1@juno.com.

Business:

Downsville Covered Bridge has been closed and Wayne has acquired an engineering report that lists the bridge with serious deterioration problems and is now limited to no more than 10 persons on the bridge at any one time. The Fitches Covered Bridge also has issues, but is still open. The main focus on Fitches is the roof replacement. Hamden has minor issues. Engineers' repair costs to Delaware

County DPW are Downsville: \$2.1 to \$2.5 million dollars, Fitches: \$863,000 to \$1.15 million dollars, and Hamden: \$120,000 to \$145,000.

President Marshfield has approached the Tianaderrah Foundation for a possible grant of \$25,000 to \$50,000 to the Downsville, Fitches and Hamden Covered Bridge rehabilitations. More to come after Wayne meets with the Foundation.

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 installation has been completed. It worked out nicely and the NYSCBS has paid the grant of \$500 towards the project. The National Society also contributed towards the project.

Wayne tried to form a volunteer nomination committee and had no offers of wanting to be on the committee. 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. Wayne reports that he has commitments for all positions for 2027 except for Trustee. Discussion was held on the possibility of reducing the number of trustees from the required five. Wayne will look at our charter for recommendations. Anyone interested in the trustee please contact Wayne.

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

We discussed holding an executive board meeting prior to our annual meeting in October. It was resolved that we would hold a virtual meeting on Sunday October 11th at 2 pm. Clay will send out a zoom link prior to that date. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Respectfully, Karen Marshfield, Secretary