

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of October 17, 2026 at 1 pm

at Shinhopple Historic Log Church – Colchester Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

1. President Marshfield welcomed 20 members and guests to our meeting, after a delicious pot luck luncheon. A special thank you to the Colchester Historical Society for hosting us!
2. There were introductions and raffles.
3. Secretaries report from September 2026 Virtual Meeting was read by Karen and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report as of the end of September was presented by Carol and approved.
5. Election nominations for 2027 are as follows:

Election Nominations for 2027

- 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

- Susan Swaneek (2023 – 2027)
- Clay Converse (2026 – 2028)
- David Wray (2025 – 2029)
- Linda Schott (2026 – 2030)
- Vacant – (2027 – 2031)

A motion was made and approved for the above stated nominations for 2027.

6. Meeting locations for 2027

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- April 18th – Lincklaen House – Cazenovia – Confirmed
- June 13th – Glimmerglass State Park – Picnic - Confirmed

- July 11th – Newfield Town Hall – Confirmed
- September 12th – Virtual – guest speaker – member and author Marvin Bubie
- October 17th – Annual Meeting – Dinner at Brooks House of BBQ and meeting at First United Presbyterian Church in Oneonta – Confirmed

All the above are on Sundays

The meeting schedule as presented was approved by motion.

7. Tianaderrah Foundation grant application for the repair of Fitches, Hamden and Downsville Covered Bridges was submitted (for \$25,000 - \$50,000) on September 25th by President Marshfield. A motion was made and approved to move forward with the application.

8. There was a discussion centering around vacant executive board positions for Trustees. It was discussed going from 5 to 3 members for Trustees and to start the process for approval in April.

More specifically amending our bylaws, Article IV – Trustees, Section 1 and 2. Reducing trustees from 5 to 3- and 5-year terms of office to 3-year terms. This will be publicized in our newsletters between now and April. Our Charter allows us to go down to three trustees. A motion to move forward with this was approved by the members present.

9. Downsville Covered Bridge and the latest from Delaware County DPW dated 10/8/26. It is anticipated to do repairs by contract at the end of this year and open the bridge. Work should take about 2 weeks. Then permanent repairs will be done in 2028. Funding will be sought in the meantime.

10. A motion was made and approved to purchase 20 books authored by member Marvin Bubie, the book titled Seals and Stories of America's Covered Bridge Heritage. We would sell the book for \$25 plus shipping. A sign-up sheet was presented for those interested.

11. The Oxford Resource Center has exciting news as they have found a new replacement for Trish Kane. Scott Bomboy will be its next President starting 1/1/27. Scott is a leader in the covered bridge world and is from Pennsylvania. He brings organizational management, grant writing skills, and experience in the technical side of websites. Great news for the Resource Center.

12. Covered Bridge or Member information and discussions Gary reported that the access to the Eagle Mills Covered bridge is open. He drove to the bridge and it seems to be in good condition. He wasn't exactly sure if the property had been sold or not. Victor took pictures of the Americana Covered Bridge and reports that

it has a new metal roof. Great news as the Society donated a couple thousand dollars for the roof work.

13. Other Business – None

14. Adjourned the meeting at 2 pm.

Submitted By

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary

POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON NYS COVERED BRIDGES BY Karen and Wayne Marshfield

The presentation began at 2 pm with about 35 – 40 in attendance. All 34 NYS bridges were presented with up-to-date information, plus 6 bridges were added that used to exist in the Town of Colchester. A good time was had by all with a question-and-answer session following. The presentation was completed shortly after 3 pm.