

The meeting was held at the Bevier House in Marbletown and was opened at 10:20 AM by our President Jim Decker.

Present were Peter Sinclair, Roberta Jeracka, Betty Mosny, Bob Hedges, Kathleen Hangl, Dennis Tierney, Donald Hangl, Conrad Fingado, Joe Lubozynski, Paula Cereghino, Karen Margulia, Fred Smith, Robert C. Eurich, Marion Stevens, John Stevens, Barry Benepe, Rob Sweney, Jim Decker, Rosemary McBride and Maggie MacDowell. If names are misspelled please let Maggie know the proper way.

OLD BUSINESS Peter Sinclair gave the Treas. Report. We have \$1,200 in the bank and \$1,258 committed to the workshop. This includes the \$1,000 grant from the DBPS. The Farmstead has \$300.00 remaining from our \$3,300 matching grant.

MINUTES Maggie read the minutes from the May meeting. There were no minutes for the June meeting.

A large HVVA poster was passed around for approval and will be used at events. New brochures were passed out to members present.

BOOK SALES Over \$20,000 to date. There are only 200 hard cover books left. We are still in the red and need to promote the book. The Dutch took 5. Hurley Stone House Day was a success gaining a few more members.

JOHN at NEW PALTZ. Sometime in November, John will give a talk at the University campus. He has been doing lectures gratis and would like some compensation from here on in. It is too expensive to travel and it is time consuming.

JEAN HASBROUCK HOUSE. Linda Pate located parts of early windows. Will be replicated. John did plans for the windows, each weighing about 800 pounds. The gable end of the JH house has been removed in preparation for rebuilding.

NEW BUSINESS Jim would like to plan to purchase a new computer and a new digital projector. This would be up to \$2000.00 total and there were no objections. We need to digitize images and John wishes to include maps on the discs. Conrad suggested we take money from our book fund for these items.

Jim says we need an accountant, help with the newsletter and editing and also someone to help who has computer skills. Karen Margulia, back from the hospital, offered to help Peter with the newsletter.

DENNIS' BOOK. Dennis brought to us the original hand-written copy of Bill McMillan's captions for the 70-photographs in the Staten Island vernacular houses book that we will publish next.

NEXT MONTH Bob Hedges will host his Graham-Brush House restoration in Pine Plains. This is where we will meet on the third Saturday of September. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 and members visited Rosemary McBride's home which is the Depuy/Dewitt house on 209 in Warwarsing. The group will also investigate the Bevier House, also on 209 in Warwarsing.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie MacDowell, Secretary

President's Message

To all of our valued members of HVVA. In the past few years, our organization has grown considerably. Currently with over 250 members, we only see a few members at our meetings and documenting tours. I would like to encourage all of our members to please come out to our meetings and get involved. As in most organizations, we only have a few members carrying us in our preservation efforts. Everyone can help us in some way and keep our organization growing. We all have something to bring to this group even if it is just holding the end of the tape measure. We could use help with computer skills, proof reading the newsletter, record keeping, book sales, even writing articles for our newsletter etc. We need to keep HVVA alive and our monthly meetings are a good place to start. We are finding new exiting things on our tours, so come out and help us interpret and document our findings. The more eyes we have, the more we end up seeing. At this time I would like to thank the heart of HVVA, Peter Sinclair for his efforts putting our wonderful newsletter together and keeping our organization alive. WHERE WOULD WE BE WITH OUT PETER? So I'm asking all of our members to please come out and get involved and help Peter and HVVA in our continued goals of preserving the rich vernacular history of the Hudson Valley. It's a great way of seeing some wonderful buildings and discover some new old things!

Also I would like to Thank our senior Architectural Historian John Stevens for all of his documenting efforts and allowing HVVA to publish his extensive study on Dutch American buildings.

James Decker
President HVVA

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COMING EVENTS 2006=====

Saturday, September 16, 10AM Third Saturday **Meeting of HVVA** will be hosted by Bob Hedges in Eastern Dutchess County at Pine Plains. He will be giving us a tour of the restoration work underway at the Brush House in the heart of town, where we will meet. It is a late 18th century log cabin. Other treats are planned.

For information call: **Robert Hedges (518) 398-7773**

Saturday, September 23, 10AM at the Sepaskot Farm, 781 Route 308, corner of Cedar Heights Road, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, NY. **Winakee Land Trust Barn Tour** This will include barns in Red Hook and Rhinebeck.

For information call: **Winakee Land Trust (845) 876-4213**

Saturday-Sunday, October 7-8, 10AM at Millbrook Village **Millbrook Days** tour the 19th century restored village of Millbrook and see historic craft demonstrations. Between Matamoras, Pennsylvania and Belvidere, New Jersey. *If you want a nice map go to their web-site <www.millbrooknj.com>, or give Mrs. Robert Demarest a call at (570) 629-0456.*

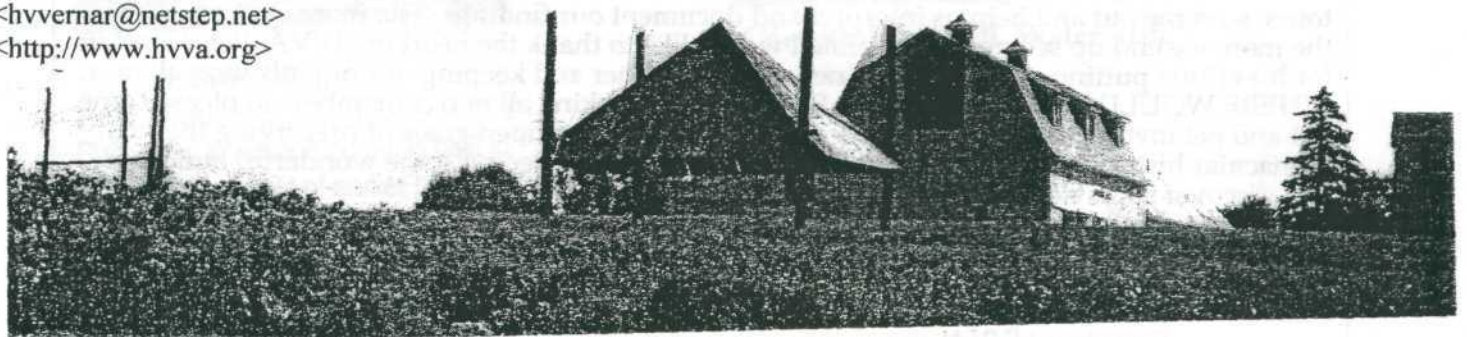
Saturday, October 14 at the Bevier House Museum, Route 209, Marletown, Ulster County. for an observance of **The Burning of Kingston** - After the burning of Kingston by the British in 1777 the population fled and many camped at the Bevier farm. The Ulster County Historical Society, with re-enactors including members of Revolutionary-era militias and British military units as well as civilians who escaped The Burning.

Contact: **Phil Ryan, (845) 339-7858**

Saturday, October 21 at the Mabee Farm Museum, Rotterdam Junction, Schenectady County **NYS Barn Coalition Annual Meeting** HVVA will be setting a table and providing speakers. There will be a reception Friday night and a barn tour Sunday.

For information call, **Keith Cramer (518) 438-8352**

Sometime in November someplace in a wet swamp. Some people, with permission of the owner, will **cut reed** for their roof. *Please call Rob Sweeney (845) 336-0232*



Hay Barrack in use, Prince Edward Island, Canada, photograph 2006, by Tom LeClaire