

**THE BLACK TAVERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

April 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 9:33 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Grzyb.

PRESENT: D. Bazinet, E. Bazinet, L. Bazinet, T. Boyd, R. Ducharme, R. Grzyb, S. Peterson, A. Poitier, D. Proulx, N. Roy, S. Roy, P. Williams

CLERK'S REPORT: Sent via email; report accepted. All approved, clerk has copy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sent via email; report accepted. All approved, clerk has copy.

CARETAKERS REPORT: Sent via email; report accepted. All approved, clerk has a copy.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We currently received 123 memberships for 2026, bringing in \$6455 in dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going projects Updates:

- Sign Post – Dave Proulx has been working on it. Should be done by the end of the week.
- Antique Bench Restoration – Currently in progress.
- Painting Ceilings in Hearth and Tap Rooms – Misa Fossas has been contacted with July as target date
- Exterior Perimeter Lighting (needs WIFI)
- Power/Wire Second Floor (needs WIFI)
- WIFI System – Bob Grzyb will contact Spectrum after we have an outlet installed
- Security System – We will contact Brian Benoit our electrician to add an outlet so that the WIFI can be installed. We also want to check with Brian to see what kind of security units will be compatible to what he is installing. We thought that we may need a shelf, but others thought that Spectrum also has brackets that would work better to sit/mount the equipment.
- Office re-organization (waiting for warmer weather)

Subcommittee Meetings

Finance (matters that need to be discussed at their next meeting)

- As for our investments, board members were hoping that they could see an apples-to-apples comparison of the two groups they were looking at so that they could adequately judge which items were more important. It would be good to see the pros and cons of each. Tom thought that it could be arranged.
- There was a discussion getting Venmo, and Deb thought that many of her vendors for the fair probably would not use it anyway. There was discussion on getting PayPal instead as it could easily be directly hooked up to our account, and a new account would not be needed. It will be discussed at the next Finance Meeting.

Executive Committee

Caretaker Replacement

We were able to get in touch with attorney Mark Erlich who had only a few comments on the documents that the committee had prepared. He suggested strongly that we get a CORI report on the new Caretaker. We've heard from 4 different applicants and the Tenant-at-Will Agreement, Caretaker

Duties and Tenancy Agreement were sent out to each. Two applicants have responded back, and we are waiting for the last two to respond. They were given until May 1st to respond.

Long Range Projects Planning Committee

- Bob Ducharme sent out the Prioritized Proposal for the Black Tavern 5 Year Maintenance Plan and all the Priority One items have been checked off. There was discussion on what should be worked on next and it was suggested that the front steps and sidewalks be leveled to avoid a build up of ice in the winter and people tripping. The committee has not met in a while and plan to meet soon.

Membership Appreciation Picnic Subcommittee – 8/1/2026. We have contacted Mack's and given them a deposit. More details as we get closer. We will send an email out to the membership after the Fourth of July weekend with details.

Scholarship Committee – The committee has received 4 applications and will meet soon to discuss.

Third Grade Field Trip – Field Trip Day is Tuesday, June 2nd, and as of this time we should have enough people so that we have two workers in each room. Bob is looking for someone to shadow him in the Civil War room so he has a back-up. Dave will check and see if Marjorie Squire can take care of the food, and Chuck can ring the bell as they have in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ed Bazinet and his son Jamie travelled to Cape Cod to pick up an early 1800's China cabinet that was donated to the Tavern by Ed Warren (the same gentleman that donated the bench). Ed and Linda donated a set of China dishes to display in the cabinet that are of the same ear. They look great!
- Our electrician installed wiring and plugs on the second floor, ballroom. The other two rooms will be coming soon. They are much like the ones on the first floor, and are in place so we won't need all the extension cords.
- Bob Ducharme bought new flags and bunting as they need to be replaced soon. We want everything to look great for the 4th of July. The rope on the flagpole has broken, and Bob will need help replacing it.
- Bob reminded us that we need someone to take on the Programs for next year. He can send some reminders out, but will not be in charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom is looking to update our Sponsor's board as some Sponsors have changed, and others have changed their logo. Bob Grzyb has a program at work that can get everything onto one page and will work on it for our next program.

NEXT PROGRAM: Our next program, 'Burying Grounds of Dudley' will be here at the Tavern on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00. It is being put on by Ed Bazinet and will be held in the barn.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Williams, Clerk