

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

February 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 9:31 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Grzyb.

PRESENT: E. Bazinet, L. Bazinet, R. Ducharme, R. Grzyb, M. Moseley, W. Moseley, 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. Clerk has copy. We received a check from the Nancy Vajcovec estate last month, but the check was not good for some reason. Today Will received another check in its place and will deposit it. The taxes are ready to go to our tax person. Not due until May 15.

CARETAKERS REPORT: Not too much to report since last time. The Newsletter has been completed, returned from the printer and will be stamped, sealed and to the post office as of the date of the meeting...

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of this morning, we have 75 members with \$3,545 in paid memberships. It's a little less than last year at this time, but many people wait until the Newsletter comes out before sending in their dues

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going projects Updates:

- Sign Post (finish in the Spring)
- Antique Bench Restoration, will be putting the next coat of paint on, before Deb does her part
- Painting Ceilings in Hearth and Tap Rooms (need to schedule)
- Exterior Perimeter Lighting (still in progress). Waiting for Wifi.

Caretaker Replacement

- The Search Committee will be meeting after this meeting to discuss this position. We need to come up with a current job description and look at how we move forward.
- There was mention in our Newsletter that there is a search committee looking for the Caretakers replacement and where to call with questions. There was a discussion on what we might want to do if we receive no viable candidates. Also, what kind of relationship are we asking of this person(s).
- Should we get the advice of an attorney on how to proceed?
- If our candidate can do all the things we need him to do, should we charge rent?

Subcommittee Meetings (Finance and Long-Range Committee Meetings)

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

- Need to set up a meeting
- Credit Card issued
- Investment Update
- Venmo account

Long Range Planning Committee (waiting on either wifi or dryer/warmer weather)

- Power/Wire second floor still in progress
- Security System/Wifi

- Town Vault contents / Office Organization

NEW BUSINESS

- Update Committee List
- Program Committee (Revisit/Re-establish)
- Tavern Membership Appreciation Event (Summer Picnic) 8/1/2026. We will be contracting with Mack's to cater the event. Still need to nail down time, music, rain date, etc. A suggestion for the music was Hunter Foot and his 'Boys of the Town' group, which is a group of fiddlers who are very good.
- Venmo – do we need to set up a separate account to draw from? Will leave for the Finance Committee.

BOARD CONCERNS: The 250th Anniversary of the United States of America is being celebrated on July 4th. The question brought up was, what are we doing to help celebrate? Dave Proulx relayed that the Dudley Historical Society has some plans they are working on. They would like to have a horse and rider deliver the Constitution to the step of the Congregational Church, and have it read aloud on the steps. At noon, they would like all the church bells from Dudley (and possibly neighboring towns) ring. There are thoughts that the Snack Shack could be open to offer food. We talked about maybe opening the Tavern and having members dressed in costume give tours. We also want to make sure to decorate with bunting and maybe have an anniversary flag. More to come.

NEXT PROGRAM: Our next program, 'Where two Worlds Meet/Native Americans of Western Massachusetts' will be here at the Tavern on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00. Hosts are Sandy Peterson and Tom Boyd.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 28, 2025 at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Williams, Clerk