

June 16, 2016 Bay Shore Historical Society Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry thanked everyone who helped with the Open House and Bake Sale and with the Bay Shore Arts Festival. The following officers were elected First Vice President – Priscilla Hancock; Corresponding Secretary – Jewell Jacobsen; Treasurer – Joe Pers; Trustees – Diane Hartill and Maryann Feeney. Their terms expire 2019. The installation of officers will be at the dinner on July 21 at Captain Bill's. Kelly read the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting. JoAnn reported that current membership is 273. Joe reported that the expenses were \$791 and income was \$3,215. Phil reminded everyone that the Annual Dinner was July 21 at 5:30 PM at Captain Bill's.

The guest speaker was Tom Stock. Tom spoke about Sampawams Creek. The Creek runs 6 miles long following the border of the Town of Babylon and Town of Islip. Most of the Creek is not accessible unless you trespass on private property. There are over 120 creeks on Long Island. After the glacier started to recede melted water flowed south. This flowing water formed the valley where rainfall collected to form the Creek. There are approximated two dozen drains that direct rainfall into the Creek. Natives migrated north along the Creek to their winter quarters. Southard's Boatyard is along the shore of the Creek. The Creek allowed easy access for cat boats and fishermen lived in shacks along the Creek's shore. Barges used the Creek to take lumber to Oak Island for summer cottages. The Creek was also an ideal habitat for cattails. Unfortunately purple loosestrife, a non-native plant to the Creek, has overrun the cattail. A small group of volunteers are help to remove the purple loosestrife. The DEC has classified the Creek and 'impaired'. Unfortunately Brook Avenue Industrial Park and illegal toxic dumping have spoiled the Creek.

Barry thanked Tom for his presentation and invited everyone for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro