

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:04pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

Members present: Chairperson Laura Olstein, Dave Wilding (via phone), John Cannie, Patty Shragin, Borough Historian and Corresponding Secretary Tom Kline, SOSAC liaison Scott Kruger
Absent: Vice Chairperson Jim Roselius (via phone), Nikki Loveland, Council Liaison Ron Reckler
Friends: None
Guests: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 16, 2025 minutes made by John Cannie and seconded by Tom Kline; all in favor, none opposed.

Maintenance Manual: Jim Roselius-Tabled

Old Business:

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money): John Cannie-1) One open issue-when will work be scheduled for security system. Once in, can wrap up quickly. Sheet rock (3 days), painting (all walls, not ceilings), floors (after sheet rock). Inside it's a 3 day project (cancel security upgrades to get work done first?). Should be done Nov. 26th at the latest-need to get place cleaned; have to move fast if want to get in by Christmas. 2) Tom wants to find a new security contractor. 3) Ray Chang is making payment tomorrow of @\$35,000. 4) Council passed an ordinance allocating \$220,000 for museum repairs. Contract is \$189,000. Bulletin issued for deck repairs-replacing deck boards, newel post, stair platform.

Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money):
Laura Olstein-1) Got newspapers back. Put hard drive on a flash drive-gave to Michael to look at. Will do final report once we give flash drives to Morris County Library and Morristown Library; hopefully by Thanksgiving. 2) Integrating into Past Perfect.

Budget: Tom Kline-1) What do we have left in the office budget? Also need museum deep cleaned. About \$9000 left in budget. Need to order tablets, sound system, microphones, camera and lighting equipment-ask Friends or order from budget? Need about \$6000 for oral histories. Nikki to contact someone at her job for recommendation for sound equipment and camera. Don't need it to be that sophisticated. Can always rent better equipment for specific interview. Need more archival quality supplies? 2) Moving back into museum-focus first on getting stuff on walls into Past Perfect. Then get stuff back into files and into Past Perfect. All files are scanned but not in Past Perfect. Then maps should go into Past Perfect. This should be Michael's job for January-March. 3) Friends to help to open museum. A lot of work to get done fast in order to open for Christmas. 4) Need to order supplies-finance department can order through Staples and Amazon and also Microsoft through Lawsoft. 5) Workshop to discuss oral histories on Wednesday the 29th at 10am.

Building and Grounds Report: Jim Roselius-Absent

Friends Report: Laura Olstein-Next meeting is November 12th at 7:30pm at boro hall.

Pathways: Laura Olstein-Nothing new to report.

Research & Collections: Patty Shragin-Past Perfect all set up, schedule workshop with Michael for people actually entering the data. November 2nd at 2pm at John's house.

Scout Projects: On hold until museum can re-open.

Social Media: Laura Olstein-Posted a month ago.

Special Programs Report: Tom Kline-1) Should have a workshop to come up with a tentative schedule for 2026. Scott-SOSAC going to do a clean up in May. Try and partner together so people have to stop at the L'Ecole to pick up their bags. Workshop November 12th at 10am at boro hall for calendar brainstorming.

Staff Report: Laura Olstein-1) Going well with Michael and Past Perfect. Need some swag for gift shop? There are magnets, note cards and possibly pencils. 2) Changing name of website? Not name of building yet, too much going on. Tom will ask Ray Chang. 3) Collect historical info on anything in town (even those things that have nothing to do with L'Ecole).

Technology Report: John Cannie-Previously discussed.

Comments from the Borough Historian: Tom Kline-1) Jerry Wynn hopefully meeting with him in December to collect some items from the Kinneys among other things. 2) Allan Jacobus lived in Fayson from 1946-1969; offered items to Fayson Lakes Association. Tom to be guardian. If Fayson doesn't take them then will offer to museum. 3) Need to establish a connection at Board of Ed-need yearbooks, last one there is from 2021. Laura to look into.

New Business: 1) MCI is too expensive, need to find another company. Monitoring is way too much. Talk to Craig. 2) Cablevision-agreed to upgrade, will get a new modem, modem moving to basement (need shelf to put it on).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:28pm. Motion made to adjourn by John Cannie and seconded by Patty Shragin. All in favor, none opposed.

At the November 18, 2025 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie and the affirmative voice vote of all members, the October 21, 2025 minutes were approved.

