

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:10pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the May 20, 2025 minutes made by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie, all in favor, none opposed.

Maintenance Manual: Jim Roselius-Tabled until July

Old Business:

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money): John Cannie-1) Had pre-construction meeting. Tom helped immensely. Contractor wants to start work and move fast. Needs to get all permits first and then hopefully start in 90 days. 2) Everything has to be out of the building or covered with plastic by June 20th. The artifacts will stay under cover. The furniture is going out starting tomorrow at 6am by DPW-Tom will meet them there; Laura will be there @7 and John at 8. Leave the kitchen items there. Take display cabinets out of the garage and put in trailer. Put everything in the middle of the room and cover. Put Dr. Miller's carpets under cover with plastic. Fire truck can stay. 3) Gardening can continue while work is being one. If there is an outdoor event planned, contractor will put up a cone at the porch to keep people off. 4) Next site review and construction meeting on July 9th, then every 4 weeks, plus an inspection every 2 weeks by Margaret (do not speak to contractors directly, only to Margaret or Craig).

Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money):
Laura Olstein-Received grant for re-digitization of old newspapers. Laura to pick up newspapers and keep at her house. A professional scanning place will scan them in.

Budget: Tom Kline-All looks good.

Building and Grounds Report: Tom Kline-1) Caryl and Nora trimmed back rhododendrons and making their way to butterfly garden. Tom made a video and took pics of garden/grounds. He will have someone draw in on the survey where the gardens and plants are and detail what needs to be done according to what Caryl and Nora told him.

Friends Report: Laura Olstein-Passed new updated by-laws. Executive Board elected. New Treasurer Tammi Roselius met with Anne Mandanayake (past Treasurer) to file reports. Now updating banking, etc.

Pathways: Laura Olstein-Nothing to report.

Research & Collections: Patty Shragin-1) Doing research on gardens and reading some books about how gardens have been used for scientific research and creating medicines. Read book on early president's gardens, Washington for example used all native plants. Will put together a presentation.

Then would like a history lesson about Morris Kinney's gardens. Rumor has it he used to grow orchids-handed them out at prom time. 2) For oral histories, need an outline of questions; can then streamline them. People to be interviewed are getting older! Workshop to discuss this scheduled for June 23rd at 10am at Boro Hall.

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

Social Media: Laura Olstein-Meeting with Nikki Loveland to go over social media and website to see how it can be improved.

Special Programs Report: Tom Kline-Nothing to report. Lake Hopatcong Historical Society-history of the lake lecture coming up.

Staff Report: Laura Olstein-Previously discussed.

Technology Report: John Cannie-Nothing to report.

Comments from the Borough Historian: Tom Kline-1) Has old English sheepdog book re: Kinnelon kennels-will hold onto it til museum opens. 2) What was rumored to be the Francisco blacksmith shop-it was torn down and modernized. Tom trying to figure out if rumors are true. 3) Smoke Rise sales office finished-acquiring old maps and contour maps. Lots of photographs and street sign pictures, etc.

New Business: 1) Luke Florio asked if the museum is interested in acquiring the old Harley Davidson signs. Will get dimensions; rather large, need to make sure it fits. 2) John has an old fire department valve with handle. Will bring to the workshop and committee will decide then.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:20pm. Motion made to adjourn by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie. All in favor, none opposed.

At the July 15, 2025 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie and the affirmative voice vote of all members, the June 17, 2025 minutes were approved.

Laura Gallo