

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2025**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:07pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

**Members present:** Chairperson Laura Olstein, Dave Wilding, John Cannie, Patty Shragin, Borough Historian and Corresponding Secretary Tom Kline, SOSAC liaison Scott Kruger, Nikki Loveland (via phone)

**Absent:** Vice Chairperson Jim Roselius, Council Liaison Ron Reckler

**Friends:** None

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the June 17, 2025 minutes made by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie, all in favor, none opposed.

**Maintenance Manual:** Jim Roselius-Tabled until August

**Old Business:**

**Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money):** John Cannie. Permit package ready except electric. Hopefully permits issued by 7/21 with a 10/18 target date for completion.

**Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money):** Laura Olstein-Received 80% of grant. Kinnelon Times to be picked up 1:00 Thursday; projected to be finished mid-August.

**Budget:** Tom Kline-Nothing to report.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Tom Kline-Laura swept front porch; too much pollen, won't come off.

**Friends Report:** Laura Olstein-New by-laws adopted; new officers elected; state and federal filings submitted. President-Denise Hofbauer, VP-Denise Tighe, Treasurer-Tammy Roselius, Secretary-Mary DiBrigida.

**Pathways:** Laura Olstein-Nothing to report.

**Research & Collections:** Patty Shragin-Reschedule oral histories workshop to August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am and combine with social media. Come up with preliminary list of people to interview and well as lists of questions/topics. Give that list to people ahead of time. Should also work on before and after museum pics-people are aware there will be construction at the museum so should get pictures now. Meet Saturday 10am at the museum. Tom has some pictures already as Morris County had to be notified. Also, brainstorm links to include on museum website.

**Social Media:** Laura Olstein-Met with Nikki yesterday; could definitely play into something like what Humans of New York does. Splice together with oral histories (see above).

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

**Special Programs Report:** Tom Kline-Nothing to report.

**Staff Report:** Laura Olstein-1) Michael finished cleaning up Past Perfect ("PP") before submittal to them (See Technology Report below). 2) Any projects to give Michael for next month? Review website for updates. Can update calendar and list of committee members

**Technology Report:** John Cannie-Regarding PP, got upload, can now load up to demo version. Will send email to say go-ahead. Look at data, build processes-so that everyone should know the same procedure in order to enter log/steps for entering into PP. Karen Iuele has an entire drawer of docs on the museum-John will enter into PP. Contribution program? Should set up updated procedure.

Comments from the Borough Historian: Tom Kline-1) Speaking with Allen Bird from Butler Museum-Allen gave Tom all his research/files regarding the Standard Oil pipeline (first in America!) that went thru the Kinnelon pumping station north of North Gate (the oil tanks were moved there in 1916).

2) Tom has collected hundreds and hundreds of maps dating back to the beginning of the SR development as well as some other sub-divisions in town. Also have tax map mylar of 1920 with owner names/Truckmann's has larger scanners than Staples to accommodate that printing-he will check re: pricing.

Tom wants to digitize everything so other people can do research. Anyone should be able to go to museum and look thru PP. How do you enter to make it findable? All yearbooks are digitized @1962-current on Classmates.com. Should link them to the museum website.

**New Business:** The Harley Davidson signs discussed at the last meeting are the Exit and Enter signs only, so will not take those.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – 7:00 pm

**Adjournment:** Time 8:07pm. Motion made to adjourn by John Cannie and seconded by Scott Kruger. All in favor, none opposed.

*At the August 19, 2025 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline and seconded by Patty Shragin and the affirmative voice vote of all members, the July 15, 2025 minutes were approved.*

