

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2026**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:05pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

**Members present:** Chairperson Laura Olstein, Dave Wilding, Patty Shragin, John Cannie, SOSAC liaison Scott Kruger, Nikki Loveland (via phone)

**Absent:** Vice Chairperson Jim Roselius, Borough Historian and Corresponding Secretary Tom Kline, Council Liaison Ron Reckler

**Friends:** None

**Guests:** Alex Jedd, Chris Cerullo

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the February 17, 2026 minutes made by John Cannie and seconded by Scott Kruger; all in favor, none opposed.

**Maintenance Manual:** Nothing new.

**Old Business:**

**Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money):** John Cannie-Morris County is happy with the inspection. Punch list items include front deck repairs that have to be painted; dimmer still not compatible.

**Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money):**  
Laura Olstein-Will have to brainstorm for idea for next year.

**Budget:** Tom Kline-Absent. Raise for Michael?

**Building and Grounds Report:** Laura Olstein-Tom and John donated chairs for presentation.

**Friends Report:** Laura Olstein-Meeting next month. Maybe guest Chris will join?

**Pathways:** Laura Olstein-Attended meeting last week. L'Ecole will be participating on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-4pm.

**Research & Collections:** Patty Shragin-Patty and John entering books in library. Shelves collapsed, Tom ordered new ones, will be put together tomorrow. Next Wednesday will enter in books, about 300 objects in total.

**Scout Projects:** Laura Olstein-John, Patty, Tom and Laura met with high school principal. Came up with a few ideas: 1) 'Today is Tomorrow's History' that seniors can work on for their 3 week senior project (see attached). Document how things are today (for future references)-take pictures of schools, fields, businesses in the boro, etc.; 2) Maybe do a project on a found time capsule found from 1965-photograph all items in time capsule, do background research, put together exhibit.

Also would like to put together a new time capsule 1965 for 250<sup>th</sup> borough anniversary in May; would like to partner with other groups in communities. Also figure out places for older kids to meet up in town. Need to figure out more scout projects.

**Social Media:** Laura Olstein-Putting together ideas of what to post.

**Special Programs Report:** Tom Kline-absent but per Laura: Had to cancel lecture on 2/22 due to snow; rescheduled for this Sunday 3/22. Lecture on 3/8 for the Canal Society was packed! Intergenerational Prom scheduled for 4/23; committee will set up booth. The Friends would like an official reopening of the museum; schedule for 5/17 to coordinate with 5/20 borough 104<sup>th</sup> birthday; need to set up events.

The Environmental Committee (no longer SOSAC) would like to help with garden themed lecture-maybe a pot luck dinner at L'Ecole? Could do twice a year. Also: On 4/18 they are sponsoring a yoga session on the library lawn 10-12 and have kids give out wildflower seed packets; planning a clothing swap-library wants it done quarterly; would like to have their 4/13 meeting at L'Ecole.

**Staff Report:** Laura Olstein-Michael working a lot!

**Technology Report:** John Cannie-Past Perfect: in process of categorizing everything into system; adding descriptions and photos. AI assistant Grok has helped with description of the old items. Michael put prototype together from data extracted from Past Perfect-will be on tablets throughout the museum. There will be a video for each room or topic. Should be ready in time for Pathways in May. Will need Friends to fund tablets.

**Comments from the Borough Historian:** Tom Kline-Absent

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 7:00 pm

**Adjournment:** Time 8:55pm. Motion made to adjourn by John Cannie and seconded by Patty Shragin. All in favor, none opposed.

*At the April 21, 2026 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline and seconded by Dave Wilding and the affirmative voice vote of all members, the March 17, 2026 minutes were approved.*



# KHPAC Senior Project Outlines

## Today is Tomorrow's History

### Objective

Collect current information about Kinnelon's community. Focus will be on borough buildings and businesses as they exist today.

### Specific activities

1. Photograph Municipal buildings and grounds. This includes Borough Hall, Library, schools, fire houses, and recreational fields.
2. Identify key people in each facility and obtain photo and basic background information on them.
3. Photograph local business properties. Identify owners and values from tax records.
4. All properties should have:
5. Photos, addresses, GPS coordinates? ,owners, Names of businesses with the buildings, optional – photos and descriptions of businesses within the property.
6. All material to be added to Kinnelon Historical Center's PastPerfect system.

This can be a team effort. Primary activities are:

- Photography,
  - Municipal buildings
  - Schools
  - Recreation fields
  - Businesses
    - Retail
    - Professional
    - Industrial
- Documenting the collected materials which will include:
  - Write up building usage and what functions/business inside
  - property research via county records,
- Creating historical records
  - Organizing material and ensuring data completeness
  - Entering data into PastPerfect

KHPAC supervisor will provide guidance on data collection, and will probably do the actual PastPerfect data entry.

# KHPAC Senior Project Outlines

## Museum Site – Garage Organization

### Objective

Document, Organize, and Clean up Objects and building area.

### Specific Activities

1. Inventory everything in the garage. Document:
  - Photograph
  - Classify
  - Condition
  - Final location
2. Clean the garage – sweep and then maybe vacuum the area as appropriate.
3. Clean each object appropriately. This may be dusting (possibly vacuuming or blowing dust) or wipe down

This can be a team effort. Suggest

- Team 1 – One person - responsible for documenting every item
- Team 2 – Two people - Moving and cleaning each item.

Team 1 person should have attention to detail, organizational skills, planning skills. This provides an opportunity to explore and develop management skills.

Team 2 personal should be observant, careful and appreciative toward materials, able to envision how to organize and categorize items together. This team will most likely determine what gets moved when and where it will end up at the conclusion of the project.

KHPAC supervisor will determine final status of objects, which may include: disposal, move to interior location, such as attic, office, or display room.