

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:03pm). Meeting held via Zoom.

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

Members present: Chairperson Dave Wilding, Vice Chairperson Laura Olstein, Corresponding Secretary Caryl Keyser, Mary DiBrigida, Jim Roselius, Bob Roy, Council Liaison Sean Mabey

Friends: None

Guest: Tom Kline

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve February 9, 2021 minutes made by Caryl Keyser and seconded by Jim Roselius; all in favor, none opposed.

Old Business:

Grant Reports:

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money)-Tom Kline-The Borough Clerk advertised the pre-qualification hearing. Next step-send the approved Minutes of the March Council meeting to the NJ Dept. of Consumer Affairs to approve. Then can advertise for qualified prospective bidders; Borough Clerk collects the pre-qualification packages and sends to Margaret for review. Then can send out invitations to bid for project to those bidders.

Building and Grounds Report: Jim Roselius-1) Regarding the foundation issue-looked at the original preservation plan where it said it seemed okay but should be monitored. Good idea to continue monitoring. 2) The radiator by the door looks a bit crooked- should be monitored as well, especially since it's right at the point where the old and new foundations meet-mention to Margaret/DPW? 3) Preservation Plan-A moisture barrier was recommended to be put in but doesn't think it has anything to do with the stability-pouring that handi-capped structure kept the stability.

Centennial Celebration: Sean Mabey-The Council is definitely going to get a committee together.

Friends Report: Dave Wilding-Friends is not meeting.

Pathways: Laura Olstein-They are still having the program in May but L'Ecole is not participating.

Scout Projects: Laura Olstein-Nothing to report.

Social Media: Laura Olstein-There have been 2 photo posts since the last meeting. L'Eole has 170 followers on Facebook and there were over 3500 views on the 2 photos. Laura wants to send all of the photos that are to be posted to Tom to make sure they're historically/factually correct; hopefully six month's work of photos. Also want to put out 'teasers' to make people interested in coming to the museum. Want to stay consistent with all social media platforms-if it's on Facebook/Instagram then it should be put on the website-have to decide if under Collections? Up and coming? Or on front page as part of the revolving photos.

Special Programs Report: Mary DiBrigida-Tabled until museum can actually open.

Research & Collections: Laura Olstein-1) Vitrine still not here; snow delay. 2) Laura contacted Melissa regarding old pictures of the boro-when she sees her parents she will see what they have. 3) Tom gave a study of Lake Juliet to Michael-land transaction report. Across the street is Lake Rickabear. Found a letter admitting someone to the Lake Rickabear Club-would like to add to collection, along with a patch and a 1930's postcard of Fayson Lakes. 4) Contacted about a piano potentially owned by Alice Dewar Miller, the first wife of Henry Miller-vague ownership title so not sure museum should pursue. 5) Mary and Laura are going to McCullough Hall on Thursday to view potential collection on Alice Miller.

Staff report: Caryl Keyser-Nothing new to report.

Accessioning: Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money): All the items in the rooms in Dr. Miller's addition have been added to the Past Perfect program. Caryl is now photographing the objects in the school room. Trying to photograph items together if they belong together. Past Perfect will eventually have the item's location in the museum, a photograph and an accession record (if there is one) which will provide more information.

New Business: Tom Kline-1) Stone House Road project-would like to put forward an initiative to clean up all the dead trees in the area from Robins Lane to the East Gate which make it unsightly; approx. 25-40 dead trees are laying on the ground in a ½ mile stretch of road. It's an historic area and controlled by Morris County Park Commission, so they should be asked to maintain it. The idea is approved by SR Board of Governors and Council seemed to support it from an aesthetic point of view. Jim made a motion to support the project and it was seconded by Caryl, all in favor, none opposed. Tom will ask permission for Morris County to clean up and if not then will ask the town. Would like to eventually put up a sign that designates it as the Stickle Forge site at the foot of the waterfall. Has not been through the state and national register process; do not know if Morris County would allow it. 2) The Charlottesville Forge historical marker at the Rt. 23 entrance to SR fell down during the hurricane; Morris County re-erected the pole but didn't put the sign back up and it disappeared. Looking into what happened. Peg Schulz is retiring at the end of the month-might want to send her a thank you note for all she's done for the boro.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:16pm. Motion made to adjourn by Jim Roselius and seconded by Caryl Keyser; all in favor, none opposed.

At the April 13, 2021 meeting, on a motion by Caryl Keyser, and seconded by Jim Roselius, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the March 9, 2021 minutes were approved.

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