

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2022**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:03pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

**Members present:** Chairperson Laura Olstein, Vice Chairperson Jim Roselius, Dave Wilding, Council Liaison and Member Bob Roy, John Cannie (alternate), Borough Historian and Member Tom Kline  
**Absent:** Corresponding Secretary Caryl Keyser, Mary DiBrigida,  
**Friends:** None  
**Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve September 20, 2022 minutes made by Tom Kline and seconded by John Cannie, all in favor, none opposed.

**Old Business:**

**Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money):** Tom Kline-1) Grant expired in July. Margaret sent letter to Ray Chang asking to extend grant contract for one more year. Their committee approved it; just had to get Freeholders to approve. 2) About 90% of funds have been expended. Paragon is basically done but can't have inspection done yet. Still need to erect 3 signs. Cannot use building; building inspector says it's unsafe. 3) Tom met with Council at their workshop meeting. Insurance difficulty. Insurance company, electrician and Rapid Recovery people met and were talking about re-electrifying the entire building. No one wants to identify scope of work. Want to hire Connelly & Hickey @\$6000 and an electrical engineer for \$10,000 to guide restoration process and work out the electric issue. Engineer wants to run a Megger test-runs high voltage thru all the circuits to test the insulation. Rapid Recovery guy reluctant to run it-afraid it would make it worse. However other electricians don't have a problem with it. Someone has to do the test for a few thousand dollars to say that the circuits are okay in order for the building to re-open. They would have to sign off on a letter and take responsibility for certifying the work. 5) Will need to submit annual report although not yet as it's not due until one year after the project is complete. Ray Chang emailed the forms. 6) Clean-up work started yesterday with Rapid Recovery-removed all sheet rock in attic area; next up is the schoolroom. 7) Asbestos issue-insurance company said they will remediate -will schedule to be completed by the end of the month. 8) Rapid Recovery will buy the 2 pieces of sheet rock to cover the hole to seal off the basement. 9) All in attic moved to main room-to be cleaned up then stored in the garage. 10) Heat is a concern-building inspector said to run a temporary electric line from outside panel to furnace to re-energize the furnace-hire a plumber, pull a plumbing permit, perform a pressure test on the gas lines, plumbing inspector in to approve; he'll talk to building inspector who'll talk to PSE&G who has a lock on the line to run gas test-permit already applied for. 11) Need Margaret back to define scope of work. Get proposal, submit to insurance and see how much they will cover. Same with the Megger test-how much has to be placed and how much will insurance cover. 12) It's been determined that the fire was caused by the electricians that Paragon hired.

**Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money):** Have not heard from CAPES yet. Laura gave mid-term report to Heritage. Explained current museum situation and they said they would accommodate.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Jim Roselius-Spoke with John Whitehead. Asked for updates on peeling paint, mildew on window in front of building; trees. DPW should have a painting contractor.

**Friends Report:** No news to report.

**Pathways:** Laura Olstein-Let them know about the fire. If museum is open at that point, would be interested in participating.

**Research & Collections:** Nothing at this time.

**Scout Projects:** Laura Olstein-No news to report.

**Social Media:** Laura Olstein-Updated fall pictures of the museum but hid the mess! Over 400 FB followers and 200 on Instagram.

**Special Programs Report:** On hold until museum can re-open.

**Staff report:** Laura Olstein-Spoke with Michael yesterday; working on a presentation as if he was walking through the rooms.

**Technology Report:** John Cannie-See attached report. 1) Met with town council last Tuesday. Move telephone away from Verizon and increase bandwidth for internet access. The town is currently working on this issue and will roll the museum into that program. 2) Karen is going to talk to Charlie re: Google upgrade. Line might be paid for through security contract? Karen will speak to John Whitehead. 3) E-mailed Randy Charles outlining what he spoke about with Karen; i.e., going down to one phone line-cancel the other one. 4) Move security system to cellular connection. 5) Security system work has to be done regardless because it's in the area of the fire. Tom says to take \$\$ out of membership dues. 6) Need to figure out how to execute-will meet with Karen to work out Microsoft license.

**Comments from the Borough Historian:** Tom Kline-Nothing new to report.

**New Business:** Dave Wilding-Got a text letter from Linda Mortimer (former Friend) who was married to one of the Cantys. She gave the phone number of Dottie who is the granddaughter of the original owner of Silas. Has a tape recording of her father talking about his childhood and a picture of the 6 brothers who grew up there. 2) Tom Kline-Revisit the interview with Glenn Sisco; give him the questions ahead of time for preparation.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 7:00 pm

**Adjournment:** Time 7:55 pm. Motion made to adjourn by Tom Kline and seconded by Bob Roy. All in favor, none opposed.

*At the November 15, 2022 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline, and seconded by Caryl Keyser, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the October 18, 2022 minutes were approved.*

*Caryl Keyser*