

History Advisory Committee
Sept. 27th, 2025

Attendance: Rich Coons, Tony Albino, Ethan Dickerman, Bill Shannon, Tom Shannon

- The kayak tour of the Germantown waterfront scheduled for Sept. 27th is cancelled due to the extensive Harmful Algal Bloom in the Hudson River over the last few weeks.
- Haunted Hayrides update: Tom cannot attend that evening, but Bill Shannon will take over as station captain. We are going to portray a lost Palatine cemetery. There are 4 GCS Honor Society students scheduled to help out with the station.
- Theodore Robinson Community Forest update: On Thursday, Sept. 25th, Town Highway employees opened the old farm road and opened a loop trail that splits off and meanders to the west for a while before rejoining the old road. The will also soon brushhog the phragmites on the edge of the Parsonage backyard.
- Oct. 11th event: We'll call it an end of season celebration. 5 PM to 9 PM. Refreshments by Friends of Historic Germantown, house tours, tour of the Robinson forest, campfire, games.
- Archaeology discussion: We went one by one through the recommendations that we received from the NYS SHPO in a letter dated June 4th, 2025. Tom will draft a recommendation to the Town Board based on our committee discussion.
 - Tony made a motion to formally recall the artifacts recovered from the 1767 Parsonage property from 2009-2023 that are now located at Bard College per the recommendations from NYS SHPO dated June 4th, 2025. Ethan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor.