



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the November 16, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Josephine Beck (Chair), Kristen Koerner (Vice Chair),
Steven Boshart, Kerry O'Brien, Brandon Romaine.
Absent: Loretta Heusser.
Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Kristen Koerner to approve the September 2021 minutes, with a **second** by Kerry O'Brien. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- There was no update on this historic site, nor the status of the missing historic site plaque. The Commission recommended that a letter be sent to the new owners to inquire about the location of the plaque if we are unable to obtain information from the former owner.

Macopin Homestead - 1299 Macopin Road

- A local developer had made inquiries regarding the property at 1299 Macopin Road, but there is no information if the acquisition was completed.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that a capital grant was received in the amount of \$56,000 from the NJ Historic Trust and Preservation Commission for siding and the foundation work at the Hewitt Church across from the Long Pond Ironworks. The Friend of Long Pond Ironworks are providing \$20,000.
- Mr. O'Brien reported that the cedar roof and chimney repairs at Ringwood Manor were costing approximately 2 million dollars.

Wallisch Homestead

- Steven Boshart advised that he is attempting to meet with Tim Ligus, Construction Official, at the Wallisch Homestead to review the buildings. Jo Beck commented that there is always some event scheduled at the site. Brandon Romaine reported that the Creamery building is being set up like a house for the holiday season. He noted that they also have a display of tools at the building.

West Milford Museum

- On September 25, 2021 the Enslows presented a historical music outdoor program at the Museum and it was well attended with approximately 30+ attendees. This program was part of a grant the Museum received from the PCCHC (Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council).

Other Historic Sites

- Steve Boshart reported that the Vreeland Store needs painting. He noted that most of the other local historic sites are in fairly good condition, but may be in need of maintenance. Kerry O'Brien commented that many of the tradesmen and contractors are so busy that getting quotes from them has become an issue.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Jo Beck reported that she located a business that can reproduce tapes, and they have done a great job on her personal photos/recordings that she has had replicated into digital formats. She gave the link to the business. Kerry O'Brien reviewed the process that he undertook to convert old (antique?) glass negatives that the WM Museum received for locations and homes on Greenwood Lake.
- The Commission suggested that Wayne McCabe be contacted regarding a program for their annual training, to be held sometime in the Spring 2022.
- 2022 Meeting Dates – the meeting dates for 2022 were reviewed by the Commission and approved.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- NJ State Certified Local Government Grants for 2022 – Jan. 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for Dec. 21, 2021. The secretary requested that the HPC meet on Dec. 14, 2021 at the Museum and join the Heritage Committee for their annual holiday dinner/meeting.
- With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 7:45 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Brandon Romaine.

Approved: Feb. 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary