



TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2023

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the August 15, 2023 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the reading of the Legal Notice and Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

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

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The minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting were unanimously **approved** on a motion by Jo Beck and a second by Steve Boshart. The HPC meeting in July was cancelled.

SITES

- **1299 Macopin Road, B 9402; L 15** – The Commissioners noted that the site/house renovations were almost complete at 1299 Macopin Road, and concurred their approval with the work that was done. The Secretary noted that the building inspections were completed and the project was due to receive their certificates of approval.
- **Hewitt Church**: No update was available. Kerry O'Brien was unavailable for this meeting.
- **Long Pond Ironworks**: The Secretary reported that Hans Niederstrasser was the new President of the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks, and Kerry O'Brien was the new treasurer. The transition period was still in progress, but there were upcoming programs planned at the site.
- **Wallisch Homestead**: The Commissioners noted that there were many events scheduled for the Wallisch Homestead, both during the week and on weekends. The site has continued to be well maintained.
- **West Milford Museum**: The Commission's secretary reported on the upcoming Contraband performance at the Museum on August 19, 2023 at 2 pm. Maintenance of the building is needed. Painting and stone foundation repair quotes have been requested and are forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reviewed and discussed by the Commission:

- Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for Humanities-Rutgers Camden – Fall Courses Online and In-Person:
 - Intro to Historic Preservation – 10 Weeks beginning 09-05-23
 - Preservation Planning – 10 Weeks beginning 09-13-23
 - Cemeteries & Historic Preservation – St James in Edison - 09-30-23
 - Back To Basics: HPC & Planners Primer – Rutgers/Camden -10-14-23
 - Wood Doors & Shutters Restoration – Philadelphia – 11-11-23
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) – Messaging Guide for Local Preservation Programs
- Preservation New Jersey – Annual Membership Renewal \$250.00
- NJ Economic Development Authority – Historic Preservation Team – Information Sessions Available in person or online.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Jo Beck will contact the NJEDA to request information regarding the historic properties reinvestment program. The Commission suggested that this may be a program that would apply to Idylease.
- Chair Jo Beck advised that she would attend the upcoming Council meeting regarding the new lead laws and would update the Commission at the next meeting.
- Steve Boshart noted that he attempted to contact historian Wayne McCabe to inquire about presenting a program for the Commission, but did not receive a response.
- Kristen Koerner advised that she had just received an email from Brandon Romaine to notify the Commission that he was moving out of town and that he enjoyed his 4 years on the HPC. The Secretary will contact him to advise that he needs to notify the Township Clerk's Office.
- Jo Beck announced an upcoming art show featuring artwork by Oscar Beck to be held on Sept. 10 – Oct 10, 2023 at the Inner Love Lounge in Sussex, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for October 17, 2023.
- Steve Boshart advised that he would not be in attendance at the November HPC meeting.
- With no further business to discuss, Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 8:00 pm on a **motion** by Steve Boshart with a **second** by Michael Saluga.

Approved: September 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary