



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2022

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the August 16, 2022 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:10 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Josephine Beck (Chair), Kristen Koerner (Vice Chair), Kerry O'Brien, Michael Saluga

Absent: Steven Boshart, Brandon Romaine

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting were **approved** on a motion by Kerry O'Brien and a second by Kristen Koerner, with a correction under the section for the Cahill House, noting "Kristen Koerner remarked that, to her knowledge, the original windows may be in the cook's cottage."

The minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting were **approved** on a motion by Kerry O'Brien and a second by Kristen Koerner, with a correction under Long Pond Ironworks, noting that "...work on the Hewitt Church is on hold at this time"

SITES

- 1299 Macopin Road: The contractor and a representative for K&G Property LLC, Kevin Oriach and Miguel Rodriguez, were in attendance at the meeting to discuss with the Commission their plans for the renovation of the Macopin Homestead. Kerry O'Brien provided an explanation of the process for renovation of historic sites and the requirement for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The contractors advised that they plan to replace dry wall, insulation, electrical, and plumbing on the interior. With regard to the exterior, they intend to replace the green flashing on the windows and door with black trim. They also plan to install blacktop in the driveway, repair the front stoop and stairs, realign the walkway towards the driveway, and repair the vinyl siding where needed. Kerry O'Brien reported on a recent site visit, and noted that the siding was already vinyl, but will check with the Secretary of Interior standards on the items they were proposing in the renovation project. Kristen Koerner commented that changing from dark green to black may not be an issue. Mr. O'Brien requested that any outbuildings be preserved, including the outhouse.

Jo Beck was requested by the Commission to reach out to Commissioner Steve Boshart to inquire if any of the proposals presented at this meeting will affect the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Beck had reviewed the standards and did not feel that the changes they proposed were a concern.

Following discussion, the Commission thanked Mr. Oriach and Mr. Rodriguez for attending the meeting and for providing some insight into their project. The Commission advised that they will be in touch following further review with Mr. Boshart.

- **Long Pond Iron Works:** Kerry O'Brien reported that work on the Hewitt Church is on hold at this time. The historian at Ringwood State Park is attempting to acquire a historic site designation for the Hewitt Church, or have it included in the Long Pond Ironworks District with the NJ Office of Historic Preservation. He noted that, if there is verifiable proof that the church was built from "Price" plans which is essentially a "catalog church", then they would be able to promote its historic significance. An architect from Texas is currently working with the historian from Ringwood to provide more information on these types of structures. Mr. O'Brien advised that there is a grant for \$70,000 for the "bricks and mortar" portion of the project, but the historic site designation is required.
- **Wallisch Homestead:** There was no new information to report.
- **West Milford Museum:** Kerry O'Brien reported that the Heritage Committee recently submitted a grant request to the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council for historic musical performances at the Museum in 2023. Contra-Band held a performance in August at the Museum and there were approximately 35 attendees.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reviewed by the Commission:

- 2024 CLG Grant Application Online Training - 09-08-22
- Preservation New Jersey – Awards Nominations Open - Due Sept 7, 2022
- Networking-Shady Rest Golf Club, State and National Historic Site 09-22-22

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for September 20, 2022.
- With no further business to discuss, Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 8:10 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: September 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary