



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2021

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Steven Boshart called the August 17, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

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

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A **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes, with a **second** by Kristen Koerner. With corrections noted, the minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- Steve Boshart advised that he was unable to reach out to the former owner regarding the missing historic plaque at 1778 Macopin Road. The Commission had discussed previously sending a letter to the new owner regarding the bronze plaque.

Macopin Homestead - 1299 Macopin Road

- The Commissioners reported that the "Macopin Homestead" is being somewhat maintained, with weeds and grass cut and much of the debris removed. The Commission noted that the new owner may be planning to "flip" the house, and expressed hope that anyone who purchases the house will be sympathetic to the historic nature of the property. Kristen Koerner advised that the house is not on the Multiple Listing, and remarked that if listed, the house should include its designation as a local historic landmark.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Long Pond Ironworks Museum will be having a Blacksmith demonstration on September 25 & 26, 2021. The 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Regiment will participate in an encampment at Long Pond on October 2 & 3, 2021.

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien reported that he was in contact with one of the contractors that worked at the Wallisch site, and the FOWH appear to be adhering to the historic preservation plan, with repairs being made to the doors and windows.

Steve Boshart commented that the big barn and the garage have been stripped of the paint. Jo Beck inquired whether any remediation is being conducted since there reportedly was lead paint on the buildings that entered the soil during the stripping process. Mr. O'Brien thought that the Township was following up on this. Mr. Boshart will reach out to Tim Ligus, Construction Official, and noted that he had not heard anything in the past month from the community garden participants regarding the potential lead paint hazard. Mr. O'Brien commented about his concern that the old red barn will be demolished.

West Milford Museum

- It was reported that on September 25, 2021 (rain date September 26, 2021), the Enslows will present a historical music outdoor program at the Museum from 2 to 3pm. This program is part of a grant the Museum received from the PCCHC (Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council).
- Kerry O'Brien reported that the WM Museum was contacted by the Glen Ridge Library regarding antique glass slides of the Greenwood Lake - Lakeside Community that they acquired, and he requested that they be donated to the WM Museum. He noted that community currently consists of 150 homes, but did not know the number of homes in the original development. He will follow up with the Glen Ridge Library on the glass slides.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- At the July meeting, Steve Boshart had requested one of the Commissioners to consider assuming the position of Chairman. Following discussion, Kerry O'Brien made a **motion** for Josephine (Jo) Beck to assume the position of Chairman for the Commission, **seconded** by Kristen Koerner. The motion was **unanimously approved**. Kristen Koerner was nominated as Vice Chairman on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Jo Beck. The motion was **unanimously approved**. The Secretary will contact the Clerk's Office regarding the Class B Member of the Commission since Mr. O'Brien, with his vast knowledge and experience with various local historic sites, should hold that position.
- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Highlands Sustainable Economic Development Plan is being finalized. A portion of the study recommends that the various organizations communicate with each other. The Commissioners expressed interest in becoming involved and the secretary will send a copy of the document to them for review, with discussion on this matter at the next meeting

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- NJ State Council on the Arts Grants \$3 million for NJ Non-Profits for Covid Recovery and Relief.

- NAPC - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Summer Short Course – August 24 & 25, 2021 – 6 webinars – Registration required.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for September 21, 2021. With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 7:56 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: September 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary