



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2022

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the December 13, 2022 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the reading of the Legal Notice and Roll Call. The meeting was held at the West Milford Museum in conjunction with the Heritage Committee and their annual holiday dinner and meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Josephine Beck (Chair), Steven Boshart, Kristen Koerner, Kerry O'Brien, Brandon Romaine, Michael Saluga

Absent: None.

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

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The minutes from the November meeting were unavailable for review and approval at this meeting.

SITES

- **1299 Macopin Road, B 9402; L 15** – Chair Jo Beck advised that she has driven past the house at 1299 Macopin Road several times and the renovations are ongoing. The historic marker plaque has been missing from the site and its whereabouts are unknown. The Commission commented on whether the owners were speculators or were planning to keep the house once the renovations were completed.
- **1453 Macopin Road - Cahill House** – The historic marker has been taken down and it appears that the pole/bracket has been damaged. Kerry O'Brien will contact the owner regarding this matter. The Commission was not sure if the Township installed the marker upon its designation as an historic site, and whether they would re-install/repair it.
- **Long Pond Ironworks:** Kerry O'Brien reported that the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks have been trying to coordinate the renovations of the existing structures with the State Park office, but were advised that there are no funds to continue sustaining the buildings or conduct repairs at this time. The FOLPI do not have the funds to maintain the buildings. There was a grant available to repair the furnaces, but the bridge getting access to the furnaces was damaged and trucks cannot get to the site. Mr. O'Brien advised that he completed the Historic Structural report for the Hewitt Church and it was submitted to Ringwood State Park. The Long Pond Ironworks museum will be closed for the winter, until April.

- **Wallisch Homestead:** Brandon Romaine reported that the Creamery building has a display for the Christmas holidays that is open to the public. Michael Van Hooker reported that the DPW had filled in a ditch (former retention pond?) in the front of the property, along Lincoln Avenue.
- **Idylease:** There was no update on this site.
- **West Milford Museum:** The West Milford Heritage Committee will be seeking quotes for painting the exterior of the building and repairing the dry laid stone foundation for work to commence in the Spring 2023. Tonya Cubby reported that one of the Environmental Commissioners has offered to assist with getting the historic sites quilt mounted on the wall. He will need to measure the frame and prepare a design that will properly support the heavy frame.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- The meeting dates for the 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meetings were approved at the prior meeting in November.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for January 17, 2023.
- With no further business to discuss, Chair Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 7:30pm on a **motion** by Steven Boshart with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: January 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary