



TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the February 21, 2023 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the reading of the Legal Notice and Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

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

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The minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting were unanimously **approved** on a motion by Kerry O'Brien and a second by Kristen Koerner.

SITES

- **1299 Macopin Road, B 9402; L 15** – An update on recent inspections on 1299 Macopin Road was provided. A rough plumbing inspection was performed on Feb 6, 2023 and failed for several items including drainage test and the need for updated permits for three gas pipes installed.
- **Cahill House, 1453 Macopin Road, B 9501; L 3** – Historic Plaque – The D.P.W. Supervisor was contacted and the repair to the sign bracket was completed by Public Works and the plaque was reinstalled.
- **Hewitt Church:** Kerry O'Brien advised that he is waiting for comments from Ringwood Manor regarding the application for National Historic Designation for the Hewitt Church. The "bricks and mortar" grant was awarded but the funds cannot be used unless the building receives historic designation.
- **Long Pond Ironworks:** Mr. O'Brien reported that the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks in in the midst of administrative changes within the organization, and is not sure what effect it will have on the activities at the site. He noted that some of the houses at Long Pond were not included in the Long Pond Ironworks District designation. He has offered his assistance to make sure that the grant is kept active and the funds utilized.
- **Wallisch Homestead:** Kerry O'Brien reported that the front ditch at the Wallisch Homestead was filled in with soil/rocks in a marshy/wetlands area near the entrance to the site. He was not aware if official approval was received for filling in this area.

- **Idylease:** Steve Boshart reported that the owner of Idylease was making repairs to the interior of the building. Comments have been made that the front porch roof appeared to be sagging on one corner.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reviewed and discussed by the Commission:

- Volunteer of the Year Program – Jo Beck advised that she would attend to represent the HPC in April on Volunteer Night.
- Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2023-2028 – Chair Jo Beck advised that this was an extensive plan and requested that members review and discuss sections of the plan each month.
- Back to Basics – Primer for Historic Preservation Commissions and Planners – March 18, 2023 9am – 4 pm, Piscataway, NJ – Jo Beck advised that she has another commitment that date so she could not attend. The Secretary advised that any member who wanted to attend should contact her since there were funds in the HPC budget.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- It was noted by Kerry O'Brien that the North Jersey Highlands Historical Society will be holding a book signing event at Ringwood Manor for Ed Lenik's newly released book.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for March 21, 2023.
- With no further business to discuss, Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 8:05 pm on a **motion** by Jo Beck with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: April 18, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary