



TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the November 15, 2022 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, Brandon Romaine,
Michael Saluga
Absent: Kristen Koerner, Kerry O'Brien
Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

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The minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting were unanimously **approved** on a motion by Steve Boshart and a second by Brandon Romaine.

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 windows have been out of the house for several weeks with no covering over the openings. The exterior of the site has been cleaned up of debris and a dumpster is on the site. The Secretary reported on inspections that have taken place from the information on the database in the Building Dept. The contractors will require electric and plumbing rough inspections first. They had scheduled the framing inspection, which failed for not having a framing checklist, and they needed to have concealed spaces fire blocked, and fire stop duct chases. These were in addition to passing the electric and plumbing rough inspections.
- **Hewitt Church:** Kerry O'Brien was not in attendance and no updated report was available.
- **Long Pond Ironworks:** No update on the site or events was available. The Commission noted that Long Pond Ironworks was closing for the season in November.
- **Wallisch Homestead:** Brandon Romaine reported that structural assessments of all the buildings at the Wallisch Homestead is planned with a \$6,000+ matching grant. Much of the debris on the site and in the buildings has been removed. There were four buildings slated for assessment under Stage 2 of the project. He reported that approximately \$30,000 was needed for more plans and structural assessments, as well as for other work at the site, which will commence following the winter season. Steve Boshart commented that some of the newer paint products can be applied in 40 degree temperatures.

- **Idylease:** There was no update on the site. One of the Commissioners had received information that a former resident had complained of lack of heat and hot water in the rental units. The Commissioners noted that had received updates on the site in the past, but have not had any information recently.
- **West Milford Museum:** An update on the West Milford Museum was provided, with new quotes for painting and foundation repairs being obtained for work in the Spring 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reviewed and discussed by the Commission:

- National Park Service – New Technical Preservation Services Website – The Commission noted that this new website will have useful information for preservationists.
- Historic Preservation Awards 10-12-22 – No update from the Preservation NJ.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- The meeting dates for the 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meetings were approved on a motion by Brandon Romaine and a second by Steve Boshart.
- Chris Garcia, Chair of the Planning Board, is to be contacted to announce that the HPC is in need of members to fill vacant positions – Class C - 1 regular member and 2 alternates.
- Jo Beck reported that she attempted numerous times to contact Wayne McCabe, history and preservation specialist, regarding a training program for our Commission, with no success. She will research other training opportunities for the Commissioners, including with Drew University and NJ HPO. Steve Boshart commented that most of his licensing requirements are met with classes that are taken online.
- The Commission discussed the Tichenor House and New City and requested that a recommendation be sent to the Planning Board to amend the Historic Preservation map and remove the sites that are no longer in existence. The new Master Plan is being prepared, and the Historic Preservation Plan should be amended.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for December 13, 2022 at the West Milford Museum beginning at 6pm with a buffet followed by the regular meeting.
- With no further business to discuss, Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 7:50pm on a **motion** by Steven Boshart with a **second** by Chair Jo Beck.

Approved: January 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary