



TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2022

MAIN MEETING ROOM

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Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the October 18, 2022 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She requested Vice Chair Kristen Koerner to assist with the reading of the Legal Notice and Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 20, 2022 meeting were unanimously **approved** on a motion by Jo Beck and a second by Steve Boshart.

**SITES**

- **1299 Macopin Road, B 9402; L 15, Certificate of Appropriateness - Interior and Exterior Modifications** – The Secretary reported that correspondence was mailed to the owners of 1299 Macopin Road advising that the Certificate of Appropriateness had been approved by the Commission on September 20, 2022. Alterations, which will include an interior remodel, with exterior window flashing and trim to be changed from dark green to black, repair of the front steps and paving the driveway and walkway, have been ongoing.
- **Hewitt Church:** Kerry O'Brien was excused from attending this meeting but he had previously reported that the officials at Ringwood State Park are continuing to work with the NJ Historic Preservation Office with regard to designation of the Hewitt Church as an historic landmark, especially if it can be verified that the church was constructed from a kit, making it a significant structure for preservation purposes.
- **Long Pond Ironworks:** It was reported that Long Pond Ironworks was closing for the season in November. There have been a large number of hikers using the trails near and around the site area; the area near the waterfall has been closed off.
- **Wallisch Homestead:** Several events have taken place at the Wallisch site during the past several months. Steve Boshart commented on the red barn and noted that the brush had been recently cut down around the structure, but stressed that the barn cannot be torn down. A letter was sent to the Friends of Wallisch advising them that the building should be stabilized as soon as possible, but they were not authorized to demolish or raze the building. The Commission did not receive any response.

- **West Milford Museum:** An update on the West Milford Museum was provided, with new quotes being obtained for work in the Spring 2023. It was noted previously that the Museum is in need of painting and stone foundation repair.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following items were reviewed and discussed by the Commission:

- Preservation New Jersey – Preservation Awards were presented October 12, 2022. No update has been received.
- Historic Property Reinvestment Program – NJEDA – Steve Boshart reviewed the program and noted that the applications for this year are closed. Qualifying sites would have to be listed as an historic building with a high value of significance with regard to historic structures. The Commission discussed sites that would be eligible in West Milford, including the Vreeland Store. He noted that Warwick changed their zoning for farms to include farm stands, restaurants and breweries.

### **MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Commission discussed combining the Heritage Committee meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on December 13, 2022. The Commission agreed to the date change from December 20 to December 13 beginning at 6pm with a holiday covered dish dinner at the WM Museum, followed by the meeting.
- Steve Boshart offered various historic house publications/magazines to the Commission that he was discarding.
- Jo Beck reported that she attempted numerous times to contact Wayne McCabe, with no success. She confirmed that his office received a letter that she sent requesting him to provide a presentation on preservation matters to the Commission, but has not received a response.
- The tapes of past HPC meetings are still in need of conversion to a digital format. The George Eckhardt Trust may assist in funding this endeavor. A source for converting to a searchable format is underway.
- The Commission acknowledged with sadness the passing of their former Secretary, Gail Van Hook. The visitation was scheduled for October 29, 2022 at Scanlan Funeral Home from 3 to 5 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for November 15, 2022.
- With no further business to discuss, Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 7:50pm on a **motion** by Steven Boshart with a **second** by Brandon Romaine.

Approved: November 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary