



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2021

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Steven Boshart called the January 19, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice. The meeting was held in the main meeting room of the West Milford Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Boshart (Chair), Josephine Beck (Vice-Chair)
Kristen Koerner, Kerry O'Brien, Harry Rescigno

Absent: Loretta Heusser
Brandon Romaine

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Kristen Koerner to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes, with a **second** by Jo Beck. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

- There was no update available on this site.

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- There was no update available on this site. Chair Steven Boshart advised that he would attempt to contact the former owner to inquire about the bronze historic designation plaque that is missing. It was noted that some of the family members may have moved from the area, but it is believed that Pete Wosyluk Sr. was still in West Milford to complete business commitments.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that a consultant would be completing an historic structure report for the Hewitt Church at Long Pond Ironworks with funds provided through a federal preservation grant. He advised that the next step would be to apply for a "bricks and mortar" grant for the work that will be necessary for the exterior of the building. The new finial for the steeple was almost completed and Mr. O'Brien plans to travel to Rhode Island to pick it up.

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien reported that he was waiting for the contractor to be available for some of the work that has been planned at the Wallisch Homestead, including repairing the windows and doors in the Creamery. He noted that the electrical updates were installed in the Creamery. Funds were available from an Open Space Grant from Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council. With regard to the barn, he advised that the cracks in the masonry are in need of repair. Kristen Koerner commented that the Historic Preservation Commission should schedule a tour of the site when the work has been completed. The Commission will plan a site visit during the warmer months.

West Milford Museum

- The Secretary reported that a quote had been received for repair of the dry laid stone foundation at the Museum. Two quotes were received for painting the exterior of the building, which will be planned for the spring or summer. The Heritage Committee has requested an assessment of the roof on the Museum building, and a determination on whether it requires repairs or replacement. It was noted that the cedar shakes used on the building are thicker than average and shouldn't need replacement yet since the roof was installed in the late 1980s.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- Notification on 12-22-20 from the NJ Historic Preservation Office regarding the Federal Certified Local Government (CLG) \$15,000 to \$50,000 grants for historic preservation activities including architectural surveys, historic preservation master plan elements, design guidelines, and national register nominations – deadline 02-15-21
- Notification from the NJ HPO, dated 01-14-21, regarding the New Jersey Historic Trust 2021 Historic Site Management grant program, highlighting Municipal Planning Projects, including design guidelines preparation, preparation or revision of local historic preservation ordinances, architectural surveys, engineering reports, heritage tourism initiatives, capital restorations and preservation projects. Special consideration for projects related to the upcoming 250th American Revolution anniversary and Underrepresented Histories. Applicant workshop on 01-28-21, grant deadline 04-29-21.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Kerry O'Brien reported that he had recently joined the West Milford Economic Development Commission, primarily to assist with, and also promote, heritage tourism in the Township. He noted that the EDC was supposed to have maps on their website of the various historic sites.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Steven Boshart advised that the next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for February 16, 2021. With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 7:35 pm on a **motion** by Harry Rescigno with a **second** by Jo Beck.

Approved: February 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary