



TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2023

WEST MILFORD MUSEUM

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ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Brandon Romaine.

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

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The minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting were unanimously **approved** with a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien and a **second** by Steve Boshart.

SITES

- **1299 Macopin Road, B 9402; L 15** – Chair Jo Beck reviewed the survey sheet that was in the HPC file for 1299 Macopin Road, as well as the ordinance regarding historic sites. She noted that the buildings that are included in the property survey sheet will need to be maintained. This reference was due to the deteriorating condition of the outhouse at 1299 Macopin Rd. and questions as to whether the building had to be repaired. The contractor indicated that they would preserve it as best as they could. Kerry O'Brien advised that the outbuildings at the Vreeland Store were included in the historic site survey. At a prior meeting, the Commission questioned whether a certificate of appropriateness would be required when they apply for a CO.
- **Hewitt Church**: Kerry O'Brien advised that he recently attended the NJ Historic Trust workshops in Atlantic City. Two of the workshops focused on applying for historic designations. He conversed with several people about the Hewitt Church and was advised that if the site is not chosen for national historic designation, then he should contact Preservation NJ (?) to possibly obtaining funding.
- **Long Pond Ironworks**: Mr. O'Brien reported at a prior meeting that the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks is undergoing administrative changes within the organization, which will include nominations and elections for the Board and officers.
- **Wallisch Homestead**: Brandon Romaine reported that Passaic County awarded a grant to Friends of Wallisch/Township of West Milford to repair the foundation for the small barn. Kerry O'Brien noted that the County has funds to distribute for projects. He reported on a recent meeting of the Heritage Committee and Councilman Chazukow stressing the need to meet with Passaic County representatives to discuss funding options. Mr. O'Brien has agreed to meet with

them and Councilman Chazukow. He noted that it was the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council that denied the most recent West Milford Museum grant request due to several reasons, including a lack of diversity.

- **West Milford Museum:** Kerry O'Brien reported that a book signing and presentation was held at the Museum with local author Dan Willever. On August 19, 2023, the 6th New Hampshire Vol Infantry Contraband will perform Civil War era music at the Museum at 2 pm.
- **1064 Union Valley Road (Apple Acres):** Kerry O'Brien reported that he spoke with Anne Thornton (Apple Acres) and she has met with representative from Passaic County regarding her property.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reviewed/discussed by the Commission:

- Preservation NJ – 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in 2023
- NJ Historical Commission Newsletter May 22, 2023
- National Trust For Historic Preservation:
Discovering Our Ancestors and Preserving Historic Gravesites
(Three Part Series) 06-21-23

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Steve Boshart provided some background information about Moe's Tavern, referencing some of the recent artifacts and documents donated to the West Milford Museum by the daughter of a former owner.
- The Commission reviewed materials (brochures) regarding Pinecliff Lake from the 1930's that were recently donated to the Museum.
- Chair Jo Beck had previously advised that she nominated Long Pond Ironworks as one of the 10 most endangered sites in NJ, and the Commission agreed that the site has significant deterioration.
- Steve Boshart commented on a recent news article reporting that 7 of the 8 people involved in the theft ring that stole valuable artifacts from Ringwood Manor several years ago had been caught. One of the items stolen was a Jasper Cropsey painting and it appears that the painting may have been burned. He will forward a link to the article for the members to read.
- Kerry O'Brien reported on a cemetery workshop held in Greenpond and noted that it contained very detailed information on cemetery documentation and identification.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission in July will be cancelled. With no further business to discuss, Chair Jo Beck **adjourned** the meeting at 8:00 pm on a **motion** by Steve Boshart with a **second** by Chair Jo Beck.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted by
Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary



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