



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2022

MAIN MEETING ROOM

In the absence of Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck, Vice Chair Kristen Koerner called the June 21, 2022 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:10 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kristen Koerner (Vice Chair), Steven Boshart, Kerry O'Brien,
Absent: Josephine Beck (Chair), Brandon Romaine.
Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby
Guests: Edward Satkowski, Boy Scout Troop 114, St. Joseph's

MINUTES

Following a correction to the minutes regarding Steve Boshart being present at the May 2022 meeting, a **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien, with a **second** by Steve Boshart, to approve the May 17, 2022 minutes. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

HISTORIC SITES

Cahill House – 1453 Macopin Road

- The Commission's Secretary provided information regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for the window replacement at 1453 Macopin Road, also known as the Cahill House. The application and photos were reviewed by the Commissioners. They were advised that the owner could not be present at this meeting to discuss the alteration. Steve Boshart remarked that the owner had followed the proper procedures by notifying the Commission and completing the COA form, adding that the owners were proposing a window that was symmetrically balanced to the original. Following a review of the information submitted, the Commission approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the side bedroom window replacement, with a condition that the owner provide a link for the "manufacturer's cut" from the catalog with the specification on the type of window (wood, double hung, two over two, etc). Mr. Boshart noted that the window would not necessarily have to have a wood exterior, with many having either vinyl or aluminum clad. Kristen Koerner remarked that, to her knowledge, the only original windows were on the shed.

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- The Commission recommended that additional time be provided for a response from the owners regarding the status of the missing bronze

plaque that had been presented to the prior owner of 1778 Macopin Road upon designation as a local historic site.

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

- The Commission advised that additional time be provided to the new owners for an update on the bronze plaque missing from this site, as well as the renovations that were proposed for the house.

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Friends of Wallisch were applying for a grant for an historic structure report and had been at the WM Museum conducting research of the records and archival material that is available on the Wallisch Homestead.
- It was announced that there will be a Corn Hole Tournament at the Wallisch site in August.
- Steve Boshart commented that leftover books from the Presbyterian Church rummage sale may be sent to Wallisch Homestead for the [Friends of the Library] annual Book Sale.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien had no update to report on Long Pond Ironworks or the Hewitt Church. Steve Boshart had photographs of Long Pond Ironworks from 20 years ago, and it was suggested that they be donated to the Museum, and also to Long Pond for review so that copies may be made for their collection.

West Milford Museum

- The Secretary reported that the mason who did work on her house had been requested to give an estimate on repair of the dry laid stone foundation at the Museum.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Kerry O'Brien attended the recent Historic Preservation Conference in Trenton and noted that there were very few vendors present. The tour of the State House was cancelled due to ongoing construction. He reported that an archaeologist from Hunter College gave a walking tour that included foundations on several old historic buildings.
- Kerry O'Brien reported that he will be applying for a PCCHC - Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council - Grant for the WM Museum for funding several historical music programs at the Museum in 2023.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- NJ History & Historic Preservation Annual Conference – Trenton - 06-03-22

ADJOURNMENT

- Prior to adjournment, the Commission reviewed several of the local historic sites with Boy Scout Edward Satkowski, who was present at this meeting as part of a merit badge requirement. The Commission reviewed the history of the some of the sites that no longer exist (i.e. New City, Terhune House) and efforts to preserve the remaining sites in the Township.
- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for July 19, 2022.
- With no further business to discuss, Kristen Koerner **adjourned** the meeting at 7:55 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Steve Boshart.

Approved: August 16, 2022

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary