



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Chair Steven Boshart called the March 16, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice. The meeting was held virtually, via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Loretta Heusser
Harry Rescigno

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes, with a **second** by Brandon Romaine. A correction was noted that the grant for the Long Pond - Hewitt Church was from Preservation New Jersey. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

- No update at this time.

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- Chair Steven Boshart advised that he was in contact with the former owner of the site who did not know the status of the bronze historic site plaque since it was at the house when he sold it 6 years ago. He advised the Chair that he would try to contact the current owner to ascertain where the plaque is.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Long Pond Ironworks – The Commission reviewed the Draft Letter of Support for NJHT Preserve NJ Capital Preservation Grant for Repairs to Hewitt Church and made some minor edits. A motion was made by Kristen Koerner, with a second by Steven Boshart to forward the letter to the Administration/Council and Planning Board to advise them of the pending grant application.

- Kerry O'Brien advised that the draft structural report was too large to send via email. When the revisions are complete he will forward a copy to the HPC for review.
- The Chair advised that he has slides of the Hewitt Church from 20 years ago and will forward them to the Commissioners. He noted that the building was covered with snow at the time that the photos were taken, but the steeple details are visible. Mr. O'Brien commented that the consultant was seeking photos of the roof when it was covered in slate. Slate roofs often had various designs incorporated with the slates, and any photos of the church would help with the project.

Wallisch Homestead

- Steve Boshart reported that he had been in contact with the Township's Construction Official, Tim Ligus, who advised that he would check out the red barn and any structural issues that may be present when the weather gets warmer, hopefully in the coming weeks. Kerry O'Brien requested that the Chair review the Historic Preservation ordinance regarding moving structures since the FOWH intend to move several structures in the near future.
- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Friends of Wallisch are holding a barn sale in mid-April. They are not accepting new donations of items at this time since they have sufficient items from last year.

West Milford Museum

- It was reported that the WM Museum received another quote for repair of the dry laid stone foundation from a stone mason in Greenwood Lake, NY in the amount of \$800. Kerry O'Brien advised that he would reach out to a contractor who submitted quotes for work at the Wallisch site. He will also prepare a quotation sheet/scope of work for the stone foundation repairs to insure that the contractors are bidding on the same services. The Heritage Committee had received an earlier quote in the amount of \$3,000+ from another contractor.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- HPC Meeting Cassette Tapes – 2006 to 2015 – The Commission discussed the possibility of converting meeting tapes into a digital format. Steve Boshart will contact WAVE Distribution, a local company, for an estimate on converting the tapes, initially from 2006 to 2011 when Jim Van Hooker was chairman of the HPC. These meeting recordings contain a wealth of historic information on sites, events and residents from the discussions that took place. The Chair will obtain quotes for searchable and non-searchable formats. The Commission discussed funding for the tape

conversions and it was suggested that there may be grants for digitizing and archiving the recordings that the Commission may research for 2022. It was also suggested that the Heritage Committee may be able to assist with funding for the project if grants are not available.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- New Jersey Historic Trust 2021 Historic Site Management grant program, Grant deadline 04-29-21.
- NJ CLG 2020 Annual Report Due 03-31-21.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Steven Boshart advised that the next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for April 20, 2021. With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 7:50 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Brandon Romaine.

Approved: April 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary