

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

February 21, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairman, James Van Hooker, at 7:35 p.m. with the reading of the legal notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: James Van Hooker, Harry Rescigno, Samantha Vaughan, Alice Dusenberry, Kristen Koerner; Robert Kochka,

Absent: Steve Boshart, William Remia

Present: Wayne McCabe, Consultant
William Drew, Planning Director
Rob Sparkes, GIS Specialist

MINUTES

Motion made by Harry Rescigno and seconded by Bob Kochka to approve January 23, 2006 minutes.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE GRANTS

Wayne McCabe stated that George Chidley of the State Historic Preservation Office said it was imperative that the governing body attend the workshop which will be including the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Commission with the Historic Preservation Commission Discussion of a May meeting with the various Boards. It will be a complete training session. Wayne McCabe will also ask attendance of a Land Use Attorney to explain what the requirements are of the various Boards.

Discussion of the workshop sessions for the Commission will be held on April 8th at the West Milford Museum at 9 am-12 pm and July 22nd 9 am-12 pm at the Museum. The training sessions will also fulfill the requirements of the CLG. Samantha Vaughan motioned to accept the training sessions on April 8 and July 22 at 9 am – 12 pm., James Van Hooker made second motion. It was decided that the May meeting will be for the Council and Boards and June will be for the public. Wayne McCabe will be checking into the requirements for the various Boards with the one training session, if the training session will fulfill the requirements for the various Boards.

Wayne McCabe requested that March 21, April 18 and May 16 be changed to the following Wednesday March 21, April 19 and May 17. Motion made by Samantha Vaughan to accept meeting changes seconded by Kristen Koerner. Everyone was in agreement with the meeting changes. Wayne McCabe invited the Commission members to attend his classes (Drew University where he teaches) on those dates that were changed.

Wayne spoke with George Chidley, Wayne said he wants to be in attendance for one of the workshop meetings and the meeting for the governing body with the various boards. Wayne suggested that the Commission attend a C.A.M.P. training session. He will gather the information and send it to the Secretary. Rob Sparkes asked about the cost. Wayne mentioned we might be able to receive scholarships. Wayne stated when it comes to doing any paperwork with the State that it will be his responsibility.

Wayne questioned if the Commission was going to apply for any CLG money. Wayne stated it would be beneficial to work in concert with the Planning Board and the Council to inquire any other structures or districts to be designated. Grant funds are available and it will more competitive because there is no match. The application has also become more difficult to complete. Wayne threw out some ideas what the Commission could use the funding for such as promote better understanding with the residents that have historic property, publish a book of photographic history of West Milford, design guidelines (what property owners should do and not do. Discussion of the design guidelines ensued. The HPC has guidelines in place, the HPC ordinance has the guidelines in place and also the guidelines with the Secretary of the Interior being that the HPC is a Certified Local Government. We may want to streamline the

guidelines that would pertain to West Milford. We want to give a visual of what the Secretary of the Interior does not provide. Harry asked who would put this together, Wayne said his company does it.

Discussion of the two public meetings that need to be held in the Main Meeting Room in Town Hall.

Discussion of the HPC's strength and weaknesses. It was decided that it will be a training session from an overall perspective of the Historic Preservation Commission. Wayne McCabe will be putting packets together for each Commission member for their review. Wayne McCabe suggested that we outreach to the property owners for the proposed Main Street District. Wayne McCabe requested the names and addresses from the secretary for the proposed Main Street District.

Wayne McCabe will compose a letter for the property owners advising them of his availability. Secretary will send out. Wayne McCabe will compose a press release for the various papers and also to be added to the Township website.

Wayne McCabe stated he will report to the state on the progress and will schedule each task.

Discussion that the HPC will attend a Council meeting. Rob Sparkes brought up the fact that the Tichenor House does not qualify for designation being it is in such disrepair and that there have been many changes. The person from the HPO office thought that the Wallisch Estates was a great candidate for designation. The idea needs to go before the Council.

Tichenor House: Elaine Duffy asked why the Tichenor House was not eligible. Rob Sparkes explained that Bob Craig of the HPO offices said the building has been altered too much and it is in such bad shape. Elaine Duffy asked if Mr. Craig went inside. Rob Sparkes stated he did not. Rob Sparkes said it would have to be exceptional inside for a chance of it to be nominated. Harry Rescigno asked if the HPO representative can inspect the inside of the house. Wayne McCabe said he would contact Bob Craig of the HPO office on the HPC's behalf.

Vreeland Store: Sam Nastory requested from the Commission a Letter of Support for the Vreeland Store. Motion made by Harry Rescigno to send a letter of support and seconded by Samantha Vaughan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Harry Rescigno seconded by Samantha Vaughan at 9:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Van Hook,
Secretary