



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2019

CLERK'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Steve Boshart called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Main Meeting Room with the reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Boshart (Chair)
Kristen Koerner
Kerry O'Brien
Harry Rescigno
Absent: Josephine Beck (Vice-Chair), Loretta Heusser
Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

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A **motion** was made by Kristen Koerner to **approve** the August 20, 2019 minutes with a **second** by Kerry O'Brien. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- The Commission addressed the historic designation sign replacement and/or repair at the Macopin Homestead and the Reid House. Chairman Steve Boshart advised that he will take a photo of each site sign and then we will contact the sign manufacturer, CenTec, for information on replacement costs.
- The Chairman advised that he would contact the former owner, Pete Wosyluk, for any information on the missing sign.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that a grant for \$9,000 was received for repair to the church steeple at Long Pond, with a match from the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks. A grant for \$13,447. was received from the NJ Historic Trust - Garden State Preservation Trust.

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien is preparing a grant from Passaic County for 2020 to continue repairs and renovations at the Creamery building at the Wallisch Homestead. A grant was received from the Passaic County Open Space in 2018 for \$25,000 for repairs to the Barn. An estimate, just for patching the floor, came in at \$10,000. He noted that no new funds were awarded for the barn renovations. With the next round of grants, the focus will be on an analysis of the footings and lolly columns before the floor is repaired. There is concern

about the structural integrity of the building and Chairman Boshart advised that the structural issues should be a priority. Mr. O'Brien commented that there is an attempt to get the Building Dept. involved. He noted that a memo of understanding was reached for approvals to be processed through the Township, and not through the Library.

MISCELLANEOUS

Historic Designation

- Kristen Koerner inquired about the time limitation for qualification of an historic designation, and Chairman Boshart noted that it would be from 1969 on. Ms. Koerner suggested that Fairy Tale Forest be considered for designation. Chairman Boshart noted that input from the owners of the property is required. The Commission discussed the benefits for local designation, and noted that the success of the Vreeland Store and Long Pond can be used as examples when the owners are approached. The Commission concurred that this matter should be addressed when we have more information on a re-opening of the site.

2020 HPC Meeting Dates

- The meeting dates for 2020 were reviewed and approved.
- Chairman Boshart requested a copy of the 2017 Annual report that was sent to the CLG - NJ Historic Preservation Office.
- The Commissioners briefly discussed grants that are available for historic sites, including funds from the historic license plate program. Harry Rescigno observed that Williamsburg has embarked on an adaptive re-use program and now have retail facilities at the historic complex.

CLG Training

- The Secretary contacted consultant Wayne McCabe with regard to a proposal for providing a training session to fulfill requirements for the Township's CLG certification. The cost would be \$250. and there are funds in the HPC account to cover this. The presentation will include the process for restoration/preservation. The Secretary confirmed that the CLG Certificate is at the WM Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Chairman Steve Boshart advised that the next regular meeting was scheduled for November 19, 2019. An email will be sent to the absent members to advise of the special program for the next meeting. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:43 pm on a **motion** by Harry Rescigno with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: November 19, 2019

Submitted By: Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary