



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**MAIN MEETING ROOM**

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Chair Steven Boshart called the September 15, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:06 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the West Milford Town Hall with the reading of the Legal Notice.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Steven Boshart (Chair)  
Josephine (Jo) Beck (Vice-Chair)  
Kristen Koerner  
Kerry O'Brien  
Harry Rescigno

Absent: Loretta Heusser  
Brandon Romaine

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

**MINUTES**

A **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to **approve** the July 21, 2020 minutes with a **second** by Jo Beck. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

**SITES**

**Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road**

- Kerry O'Brien reported that he saw the former owner, Linda Bayer, selling antiques at the Vreeland Store on a recent visit. Chair Steve Boshart commented that he has not received any further historic designation related inquiries regarding the house, which had been up for sale.

**Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road**

- No update on 1778 Macopin Road at this time. Chair Steve Boshart has not received a response from Pete Wosyluk yet, and will reach out again to him regarding the historic designation plaque.

**Long Pond Ironworks**

- Kerry O'Brien reported that Jo Beck had taken photographs of the church steeple at Long Pond which she shared with the Commission via email. He reported that contractor Eric Coulson repaired/replaced the trim and wood shakes on the church steeple. He has been contracted to clear coat the cedar shakes and prime the trim. They will wait on the clapboard and let it weather a bit prior to applying finishes. He further reported that the finial is being reproduced by a company based in Rhode Island. The consultant

who is to be preparing the structural analysis has been involved in other projects, but will get it completed as soon as he is able to.

- Mr. O'Brien reported that there will be two events at Long Pond Ironworks for the upcoming weekend: a blacksmith demonstration from 10 to 2, and Linda Evans, the balladeer will be performing. He noted that Long Pond had received grants for the events, and they had to be conducted this year to comply with the grant requirements.
- Mr. O'Brien commented that Ringwood Manor has been scheduling various outdoor activities and tours since the State operated facilities are not yet open for indoor events. Chair Steve Boshart noted that Ringwood Manor was replacing the manor house's cedar shake roof. Mr. O'Brien remarked that the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks do not feel that they have sufficient funds for repairing all the collapsing and deteriorating buildings at the Long Pond site.

### **Wallisch Homestead**

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the work on the Wallisch Homestead Barn and Creamery buildings were taking longer than they expected. They took soil samples, installed test columns and footings at the barn. It appears that the contractor may have deviated from the engineering plans that were submitted and approved. They have received a grant to replace/repair the doors and windows on the Creamery. Lead abatement and other work had already been performed
- Mr. O'Brien reported that several outdoor events were being planned at the Wallisch Homestead site, but it depends on the work being conducted at the barn. He noted that the stone foundation needs to be repaired. Kristen Koerner commented that the response has been positive about the work that has been occurring.

### **West Milford Museum**

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Museum stone foundation needs reinforcing for stabilizing the loose stones and the Committee was getting quotes for painting the building and repairing/replacing the roof.

### **Idylease**

- Steve Boshart commented that he had no updated information about Idylease.

*The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

NJ HPC notice, dated 08-05-20, regarding FEMA funding opportunities for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants for Flood Mitigation Assistance and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. Funding is available to states, local communities, tribes and territories for projects that will reduce future disaster losses.

HPC Link – Preservation Without Representation: Making CLG Programs - Vehicles for Inclusive Leadership, Historic Preservation and Engagement  
Wallisch Homestead Events.

**MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS**

**Autumn Lights Festival**

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the ALF Committee will be attempting to arrange a virtual ALF Festival with individual events. They will advertise the events that will be held at the different locations and business in the Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning, Commissioner Harry Resigno reported that he will be moving in the near future. The Commissioners expressed that they were sorry to lose him as a long-time member.

Chair Steven Boshart advised that the next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for October 20, 2020. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:55 pm on a **motion** by Harry Resigno with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: October 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary