



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2020

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chairman Steve Boshart called the January 21, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Main Meeting Room of the West Milford Town Hall with the reading of the Legal Notice.

Prior to commencement of the meeting, the Oaths of Public Office were administered to the re-appointed members Steven Boshart, Josephine Beck, Harry Rescigno, and Kristen Koerner. New member Brandon Romaine was not present at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Loretta Heusser, Brandon Romaine

Secretary: Tonya E. Cubby

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A **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to **approve** the November 19, 2020 minutes with a **second** by Kristen Koerner. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent. The Commission commented on the great presentation that was held at the November meeting by Wayne McCabe. Commissioner Harry Rescigno commented that the Canal Society of NJ was instrumental in the preservation of Waterloo Village a number of years ago, adding that a portion of the Morris Canal is located near the historic sites.

SITES

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the owner of 1299 Macopin Road, Linda Bayer, was in a senior care facility, and an acquaintance of hers offered a cabinet to the Museum. He further reported that Ms. Bayer advised him that the historic designation sign for the Macopin Homestead was given to the Vreeland Store for a display at their inn. Chairman Steven Boshart remarked that the new owners will have to be notified of the historic designation.

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- No update at this time. The Commission concurred at a prior meeting that the new owner should be apprised of the reason for the designation and be given an opportunity for re-installation of the plaque.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that Sue Shutte of Ringwood State Park has been in contact with the NJ Historic Preservation Office with regard to the cricket that was recommended to divert water from the steeple and roof of the church at the Long Pond Ironworks site. He advised that a local contractor (Colson) will install copper flashing to address the issue of stormwater at the steeple. Mr. O'Brien further reported that the foundation of the church was inspected and they confirmed that it is a dry laid stone foundation. He noted that a former staff member at the NJHPO had given him the verbal approval to repair the foundation. The next phase of the project will be to prepare an historic structural report so that grant applications can be made for work needed on the building. Mr. O'Brien also reported that asbestos was discovered on a structure located next to the church and greenhouse, but the removal process is being handled by a licensed company.
- Mr. O'Brien noted that NJ Historic Preservation Office had suggested that the projects that are underway should be completed before applications are made for new grant funds, and Chairman Boshart observed that is generally what they want with grant projects.

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien reported that water appeared to be leaking into the Creamery building near the chimney, so a cap was installed. He further reported that the Construction Committee was given permission to perform an exploratory examination of the footings in the Barn, and they discovered that there were no footings. They are in the process of preparing bid sheets and are keeping the WM Building Dept. apprised of the work as they progress. Mr. O'Brien observed that they were fortunate to have taken the advice of a structural firm who recommended that they examine the footings before proceeding with the structural beams. He advised that FOWH will consider electric conduit and other utilities when they are ready to pour a new foundation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Commission discussed a possible field trip to Waterloo Village to review the sites that Wayne McCabe reviewed in his presentation to the Commission and suggested May 19, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The Secretary will contact him.
- Chairman Boshart noted that the Certified Local Government Annual Report was due for 2019. Kerry O'Brien advised that he will forward the information that he received regarding the annual report guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Chairman Steve Boshart advised that the next regular meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2020. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:40 pm on a **motion** by Harry Rescigno with a **second** by Kerry O'Brien.

Approved: February 18, 2020

Submitted By: Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary