



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES
JULY 20, 2021

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Steven Boshart called the July 20, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes, with a **second** by Jo Beck. A correction was noted on the term "flash drive". The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- The Secretary reported that there are new owners at this location and they may have knowledge about the historic plaque. It was also suggested that the plaque may have been misplaced with the transfer of the property. Chair Steve Boshart will attempt once again to reach out to the former owner (Wosyluk). The Commission will consider sending a letter to the new owner.

Macopin Homestead – 1299 Macopin Road

- The Commissioners remarked that the new owner of 1299 Macopin Road has been cleaning up the site and much of the debris has been removed. It was noted that the red sleds are still affixed to the house.

Hewitt Church

- Kerry O'Brien reported that he submitted a grant for the capital improvements on the Hewitt Church and is working with the State on the grant requirements and documentation.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the Long Pond Ironworks Museum opened in June, and the staff had to comply with State guidelines for re-opening (after being closed for over a year due to the Covid pandemic).

Wallisch Homestead

- Kerry O'Brien reported that the paint had been stripped from the barn and he is not sure what they are planning to do next. Jo Beck reported that there were complaints from the volunteers for the community garden, and it was alleged that there may have been lead contained in the paint chips which found their way into the community garden. Mr. O'Brien had received information that, during the paint stripping process, the paint chips went onto several areas of the property, including the garden. Chair Steven Boshart inquired whether the Building Dept. was aware of this. He noted that during the removal of lead paint, certain procedures must be followed.

Idylease

- The Chair commented that there have been some repairs made to the Idylease building and property. The Secretary noted that one of the building inspectors had observed the front porch roof leaning and he suggested that possible structural repairs might be needed.

Vreeland Store

- The Commission observed that the Vreeland Store appears to be in need of painting.

West Milford Museum

- It was reported that the WM Museum received a grant for historically themed music events, and the first event will be held on August 7, 2021 with the 6th N.H. Volunteer Regiment ContraBand featuring Civil War Era music.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Steven Boshart advised that he has served as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission for approximately ten years, since Jim Van Hooker passed away, and he felt that it was time to step down. He requested that the current Commissioners consider who will assume the position of Chairman. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- NJ State Council on the Arts Grants \$3 million for NJ Non-Profits for Covid Recovery and Relief.
- NJ HPO – Emails requesting information on Lord & Burnham Greenhouses in NJ – 06-23-21.
- NAPC - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Summer Short Course – August 24 & 25, 2021 – 6 webinars – Registration in July.
- NPS – National Park Service announces new Guidelines on Flood Adaptation for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings – on NPS.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Steven Boshart advised that the next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for August 17, 2021. With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 7:30 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Brandon Romaine.

Approved: August 17, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary