



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Chair Josephine (Jo) Beck called the September 21, 2021 West Milford Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Following a correction to the minutes regarding the number of dwellings in the Lakeside Community (currently 150), a **motion** was made by Kerry O'Brien to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes, with a **second** by Steven Boshart. With corrections noted, the minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

SITES

Reid House - 1778 Macopin Road

- There was no update on this historic site, nor the status of the missing plaque.

Macopin Homestead - 1299 Macopin Road

- A local developer, Charlie Aikey, made inquiries regarding the property at 1299 Macopin Road, and the Commission Secretary referred him to Steven Boshart for information on the requirements and/or limitations of renovating designated historic sites. Mr. Boshart will advise if he is contacted by the developer. The Commissioners commented that the "Macopin Homestead" is being maintained. Kerry O'Brien noted that the former owner, Linda Bayer, remarked that there were graves behind the building, but that they are no longer there. Mr. Boshart observed that there is a cemetery in close proximity to the "Macopin Homestead", but Mr. O'Brien said that she was not referring to that cemetery. Chair Jo Beck noted that, in the past, family members were often buried on their own properties, and wondered if there is access to the site.

Long Pond Ironworks

- Kerry O'Brien reported that there was no update to the Hewitt church renovation project. The steeple has been stabilized, and a grant has been submitted for the remaining restoration work. Grant awards will be announced in the Spring of 2022. He noted that the Long Pond Ironworks

Historic District ends across the road, so Ringwood State Park officials are looking into the status of the site with the State of NJ.

- Mr. O'Brien reported that Long Pond Ironworks was holding a blacksmith demonstration the upcoming weekend, September 25 & 26, 2021.
- The 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Regiment Civil War Weekend will be held at Long Pond Ironworks on October 2 & 3, 2021.

Wallisch Homestead

- Steven Boshart noted that a music festival was held at the Wallisch Homestead recently and was reported to be a success. He also noted that the Friends of the Library was holding a book sale at the Wallisch site this upcoming weekend. Brandon Romaine commented that there was also a car show and food trucks at the site. Mr. Boshart noted that he spoke to the Construction Official and they are trying to arrange a date to do a site visit. Chair Jo Beck expressed concern about the lead paint chips going into the ground from the paint scraping that occurred recently. Mr. O'Brien advised that the Township was involved in a lead abatement project several years ago as a result of the skeet shooting that took place at the site.

West Milford Museum

- On September 25, 2021 (rain date September 26, 2021), the Enslows will present a historical music outdoor program at the Museum from 2 to 3pm. This program is part of a grant the Museum received from the PCCHC (Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council).
- Kerry O'Brien reported previously that the WM Museum was contacted by the Glen Ridge Library regarding antique glass slides of the Greenwood Lake - Lakeside Community, and he requested that they be donated to the WM Museum. He noted that approximately 100 years ago a realtor took the photos, and he is researching a process to get the photos re-produced from negatives. Chair Jo Beck offered her assistance and commented that she may have equipment that could be used.

MISCELLANEOUS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Kerry O'Brien reported on the Highlands Sustainable Economic Development Plan. A portion of the study recommends that the various organizations communicate with each other. Mr. O'Brien commented that he did not feel that there were any concrete or specific measures included in the plan. Chair Jo Beck commented that she did not see much about historic sites. Mr. O'Brien noted that the question is always how to make this a destination for people to stop, engage in activities, and not just pass through. Steve Boshart noted that it does happen, but infrequently. He also noted that the Jungle Habitat parking lot has been repaved, so there may be some movement to encourage tourism.

- The Commission briefly discussed the Tennessee Gas Pipeline proposed compressor station on Burnt Meadow Road, noting that there were no historic sites near this location.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Commission:

CORRESPONDENCE

- NJCAR – Cultural Alliance for Response – “Aftermath of Hurricane Ida” – Resources for arts, history and cultural organizations affected by Tropical Depression Ida. The Commissioners commented that these grant funds were suitable for sites that incurred major damage to their sites following the recent hurricanes.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting of the West Milford Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for October 19, 2021. With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned** at 8:05 pm on a **motion** by Kerry O’Brien with a **second** by Kristen Koerner.

Approved: November 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary