

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor
May 4, 2016

Morristown
New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Palombo.

Members present:

Edward Engelbart, At-Large
Lawrence Fast, Morris County Heritage Commission
Janet Foster, Architectural History
Nita Galate, Region II
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist (Arrived 7:09 PM)
Arturo Palombo, Preservation Architecture
Monica Scozzafava, Region III
John Solu, Building Restoration

Members with excused absence:

Mary-Anna Holden, Region IV
Eileen Stokes, Region I
Randy Tortorello, At-Large

Also attending:

Christine Myers, Freeholder
Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Planning & Public Works
Christine Marion, Morris County Planning Director
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Chairman Palombo stated that adequate notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by member Foster, seconded by member Galate, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of February 4, 2016.

Aye: Foster, Galate, Granbery, Palombo, Scozzafava, Solu
Nay: None Abstain: Engelbart, Fast

On motion by member Galate, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to approve the Closed Session minutes of the Board's meeting of February 4, 2016.

Aye: Foster, Galate, Granbery, Palombo, Scozzafava, Solu

Nay: None Abstain: Engelbart, Fast

PROJECT UPDATES

Acorn Hall, Morristown, 2015 Grant

The Morris County Historical Society had submitted a request on Mar. 16, 2016 for the 2015 grant for roof restoration to change the roofing from cedar shakes to slate tiles and omit new roofing on the tower. The County Consultant was fine with the proposed changes. Mr. Chang advised that the Board had considered this request and voted electronically by Mar. 22, 2016 to approve this request. Therefore, this is a ratification of the Board's electronic vote to approve the request for the 2015 grant for roof restoration to change roofing from cedar shakes to slate tiles and omit the roofing on the tower.

Aye: Fast, Foster, Galate, Granbery, Holden, Scozzafava, Stokes, Tortorello

Nay: None Abstain: Engelbart

South Street Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 2015 Grant

For the 2015 grant for roof restoration at the South Street Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown had submitted a request on Mar. 18, 2016 to restore the vestibule roof instead of the flat roof. The County Consultant was fine with the proposed change. Mr. Chang advised that the Board had considered this request and voted electronically by April 5, 2016 to approve this request. Therefore, this is a ratification of the Board's electronic vote to approve the request for the 2015 grant for roof restoration to restore the vestibule roof instead of the flat roof.

Aye: Engelbart, Fast, Foster, Galate, Holden, Scozzafava, Solu, Stokes, Tortorello

Nay: None Abstain: None

Morris Canal Lock 2 East, Wharton, 2015 Grant

The Board considered Wharton's request to re-allocate the 2015 Construction grant of \$117,995 toward the preparation of Construction Documents to support a \$1.8 million NJDOT grant for the Morris Canal Lock 2 East site. The Board recognized that the DOT grant would include construction activities that will complete the restoration of the Lock, tender's house, out buildings, landscape, trails and lighting. The Board also understood that the Borough's 2016 grant application requesting \$27,852 was to make up the shortfall for the needed Construction Documents.

As this re-allocation request is from Construction to Non-Construction (Construction Documents) activity that relate to a much larger project that the Board has not fully considered before (including work on the lock tender's house with its restoration / reconstruction treatment approach issues), the Board would like an opportunity to examine this project as if it were a new grant application, along with all the necessary supporting documentation including sub-consultant proposals. The Board recognized that much of the information related to the preparation of the Construction Documents was provided as part of the Borough's 2016 application and, therefore, will be available to the Board members for their review.

Based on these discussions, on motion by member Foster, seconded by member Engelbart, the Board voted to reject this proposal to re-allocate the 2015 grant from Construction to Non-Construction activity. The Borough of Wharton will be advised to submit any additional documentation so that the request could be considered as a new grant application.

Aye: Engelbart, Fast, Foster, Galate, Granbery, Palombo, Scozzafava, Solu

Nay: None Abstain: None

2016 APPLICATIONS

Mr. Chang provided the Board members with the 2016 Application Handbook and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the applications received this year. He stated that the County received 39 applications requesting more than \$3.8 million.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Mr. Chang provided the Board with the 2016 grant review schedule as follows:

May 14	Whole Board site visit (new sites)
May 16~25	Individual members site visit ("returning" sites)
Thursday, June 2	1st Final Presentations (County Library)
Tuesday, June 7	2nd Final Presentations (County Library)
Monday, June 13	3rd Final Presentations (County Library)
Wednesday, June 15	Board Deliberation (MCP&D)
Wednesday, June 22	Funding Recommendations to Freeholders

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016, when the Board will conduct visits to new sites beginning from 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, NJ at 8:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member Galate, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator