

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

**30 Schuyler Place
June 12, 2013**

**Morristown
New Jersey**

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Art Palombo, Chairman.

Members present:

Mary-Anna Holden, Region IV
William Orlandi, Region I
Arturo Palombo, Preservation Architecture
George Shanoian, Region III
John Solu, Building Restoration (Arrived 7:40 PM)
Randy Tortorello, At-Large
Virginia Vogt, Morris County Heritage Commission
George Wien, Region II
James Woodruff, At-Large

Members with excused absence:

Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist
Janet Foster, Architectural History

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Dept. of Planning & Development
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

Members of the Public:

David Helmer, Executive Director, Morris County Park Commission (Departed 7:50 PM)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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 is no comment from the public.

OSCAR A. KINCAID HOME OF HISTORY

During the site visit for the 2013 application review, Board members had expressed concern for the paving and disturbance of the fields across from the Oscar A. Kincaid Home of History and their impact on this historic site. Mr. David Helmer, Executive Director of the Morris County Park Commission, addressed the Board regarding the fields that are being used by the PSE&G as a temporary staging area for its Susquehanna-Roseland 500kV Transmission Project. Mr. Helmer presented a Restoration Plan of the Kincaid Woods, prepared by Amy S. Greene of

Environmental Consultants, Inc. showing the meadow restoration area. He noted that the paving consisted of geotextile material. Mr. Helmer had also communicated with the Historical Society of Boonton Township on the possible rehabilitation of parts of the barn on the property.

SCOPE CHANGE / EXTENSION REQUESTS

At this point, member Woodruff left the room.

Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 2011, 2012 grants

The Board considered the Church's request to apply the remaining funding not needed for the vestry roof and the air shaft restoration from the 2012 grant to undertake the repairs at the chimney of the Howard House (part of the 2011 grant scope). The Church indicated that the work on the Parish House chimney (2011 grant) exceeded the original estimate. On a motion by Chairman Palombo, seconded by member Wien, the Board voted to approve the request to apply the remaining funding not needed for the vestry roof and the air shaft restoration from the 2012 grant to undertake the repairs at the chimney of the Howard House. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Palombo, Shanoian, Solu, Tortorello, Vogt, Wien

Nay: Holden, Orlandi Abstain: None.

At this point, member Woodruff returned to the room.

Morris Canal Lock 2 East, Wharton, 2011 grant

The Board considered the request from the Borough of Wharton to amend the 2011 grant agreement to remove the drop gate and construct two miter gates including the mechanism to make them fully functional. The Borough indicated that the remains of the miter gates were found in the area of the lock tender's house ruins, allowing for the accurate restoration of the miter gates / mechanism. On a motion by member Woodruff, seconded by member Tortorello, the Board voted to approve the request to amend the 2011 grant agreement to remove the drop gate and construct two miter gates including the mechanism to make them fully functional. (The Board subsequently voted via e-mail to approve a 1-year extension of the 2011 grant with all in favor) A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Holden, Orlandi, Palombo, Shanoian, Solu, Tortorello, Vogt, Wien, Woodruff

Nay: None Abstain: None

Glenburn House, Riverdale, 2012 grant

The Board considered a request from the Borough of Riverdale to a) modify the scope of work to reflect a rehabilitation of the Store building instead of the restoration of the exterior of the building as approved in the 2012 grant, and b) to modify the scope of work related to archaeological investigations to include one excavation and 18 shovel tests instead of the three excavations approved for the 2012 grant. The Board, at its May 1, 2013 meeting, had asked that the Borough provide additional information on the implications of changing the treatment approach from restoration to rehabilitation. The Borough had represented at the Board's June 5, 2013 meeting that the adoption of a rehabilitation approach for the Glenburn Store would give the Borough more flexibility in the use of the building. On a motion by member Holden, seconded by member Tortorello, the Board voted to approve the request to a) modify the scope of work to reflect a rehabilitation of the Store building instead of the restoration of the exterior of

the building as approved in the 2012 grant, and b) to modify the scope of work related to archaeological investigations to include one excavation and 18 shovel tests instead of the three excavations approved for the 2012 grant. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Holden, Palombo, Shanoian, Solu, Tortorello, Vogt, Wien, Woodruff
Nay: Orlandi Abstain: None

Oscar A. Kincaid Home of History, Boonton Twp., 2012 grant

The Board considered the request from the Historical Society of Boonton Township to amend the 2012 grant agreement by adding the installation of fire and security systems as part of the Interior Restoration project. The Board noted that this work would be performed as part of the ongoing Phase IV Interior Restoration project, and that no additional funding is being requested as related to this effort. On a motion by Chairman Palombo, seconded by Vice-Chairman Orlandi, the Board voted to approve the request to amend the 2012 grant agreement by adding the installation of fire and security systems as part of the Interior Restoration project. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Holden, Orlandi, Palombo, Shanoian, Solu, Tortorello, Vogt, Wien, Woodruff
Nay: None Abstain: None

2013 GRANT DELIBERATION - CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board of Chosen Freeholders may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

WHEREAS, said Act provided that this Board may exclude the public from the discussion of such matters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subject to be discussed is as follows: Contract Negotiations. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Orlandi, seconded by member Holden, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct grant deliberations in a closed session at 8:07 PM.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:48 PM.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Orlandi, seconded by member Wien, the Board voted to present to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders the following funding recommendations for the 2013 Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund, with the following members abstaining on specific applications:

Mary-Anna Holden, John Solu – Ahrens Fox P4 Fire Truck
William Orlandi – Bridget Smith House
Randy Tortorello – J. Smith Richardson History House
George Wien – King Homestead Museum
James Woodruff – Presbyterian Church in Morristown

Project Name	Grant Type	Location	Grant Request	Grant Amount
Boonton Holmes Public Library - Contract Documents	NC	Boonton Town	\$17,600	\$17,600
Boonton Holmes Public Library - Phase II Interior	C	Boonton Town	\$292,480	\$292,480
First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon - Contract Documents	NC	Harding Twp.	\$29,736	\$29,736
L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum - Exterior Restoration	C	Kinnelon Boro.	\$205,264	\$205,264
Millington Schoolhouse - Interior work	C	Long Hill Twp.	\$241,038	\$241,038
Bridget Smith House - Contract Documents	NC	Mine Hill Twp.	\$9,320	\$9,320
Acorn Hall - Interior Work	C	Morristown Town	\$74,400	\$40,000
Acorn Hall - Paint Test	NC	Morristown Town	\$14,640	\$14,640
Church of the Assumption - Preservation Plan	NC	Morristown Town	\$25,000	\$25,000
Morristown Community Theater - Preservation Plan	NC	Morristown Town	\$23,512	\$23,512
Mount Kemble Home - Preservation Plan	NC	Morristown Town	\$40,416	\$40,416
Parish House - Phase 1B Exterior Restoration	C	Morristown Town	\$293,810	\$293,810
Presbyterian Church in Morristown - Phase I Chapel Restoration	C	Morristown Town	\$264,616	\$264,616
Schuyler-Hamilton House - Interior Preservation	C	Morristown Town	\$48,880	\$45,120
Willow Hall - Roof	C	Morristown Town	\$135,080	\$135,080
Woman's Club of Morristown - Contract Documents	NC	Morristown Town	\$9,800	\$9,800
Former Baptist Church - Contract Documents	NC	Mount Olive Twp.	\$21,800	\$21,800
Former Baptist Church - Phase II Exterior Restoration	C	Mount Olive Twp.	\$190,216	\$190,216
J. Smith Richardson History House - Phase I: Roof	C	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	\$69,597	\$69,597
First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains - Chapel Restoration	C	Pequannock Twp.	\$281,600	\$281,600
First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains - Contract Documents	NC	Pequannock Twp.	\$15,480	\$15,480
Glenburn House - Phase 4	C	Riverdale Boro.	\$290,443	\$252,206
Rockaway Borough Free Public Library - Preservation Plan	NC	Rockaway Boro.	\$23,880	\$23,880
King Homestead Museum - Store Phase 2A Exterior	C	Roxbury Twp.	\$77,840	\$77,840
Ledgewood Baptist Church - Preservation Plan	NC	Roxbury Twp.	\$26,000	\$26,000
		TOTAL	\$2,722,448	\$2,646,051

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Mr. Chang stated the grant recommendations will be made to the Freeholders on June 26, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Chang, P.P., Historic Preservation Program Coordinator