

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY**  
**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**June 30, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Fariello.

Members present:

Julie Baron, Morris County Park Commission  
Paula Danchuk, Region III – Mount Arlington  
Joe Donegan, At-Large  
Ted Eppel, Morris County Planning Board  
Len Fariello, Region VII – Hanover  
Jasmine Lim, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Leon Moreau, At-Large  
Kathy Murphy, Region I – Mount Olive  
William O’Connor, Region VIII – Chatham Township  
Laura Szwak, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

Member with excused absence:

Robert Collins, Region VI - Kinnelon  
Louise Davis, Morris County Agriculture Development Board  
Deborah Nielson, At-Large  
Michael Obremski, Region II – Randolph  
Greg Poff, Region IV – Rockaway Township

Also attending:

Frank T. Pinto, Jr., Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Development  
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Preservation Trust  
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Open Space Trust Fund

Members of the public:

Nicole Hagner, Chatham Township Mayor (left meeting at 8:14 P.M.)  
Carl Woodward, Esq., Chatham Township Attorney (left meeting at 8:14 P.M.)

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Len Fariello stated that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had 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 public comment.

(At this point, William O’Connor left the meeting room.)

**NEW BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Open Space Trust Fund Committee may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Open Space Trust Fund Committee hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subject to be discussed is as follows: Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Ted Eppel, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 7:08 P.M.

**RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:11 P.M.

**ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Township of Chatham/Averett Farm: On a motion by Ted Eppel, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee voted to permit the restrictive covenant on the property, with the recommendation the Township work with the landowners to be less restrictive in permitted uses. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Danchuk, Donegan, Eppel, Fariello, Lim, Moreau, Murphy, Szwak                      Nay: None                      Abstain: None

(At this point, William O’Connor returned to the meeting room.)

**Project Status Report**

Ms. Murray reviewed the past and upcoming closings with the committee.

**20,000 Acre Event**

Mr. Pinto stated an event to commemorate 20,000 acres preserved through the trust fund was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. at Knuth Farm in Denville. This property was one of the first to receive an open space grant and has since received grants for historic preservation. Further details will follow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Subcommittee – Criteria for Evaluation of Open Space Applications**

Mr. Pinto stated the subcommittee would meet on July 18, 2011 to assess benchmarks and measurable goals to evaluate the success of the program.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2011 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Development, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ted Eppel, seconded by Kathy Murphy, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray