

**MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairperson Rick Watson.

Members present:

Timothy Dougherty, Region VII – Morristown (departed at 6:55 P.M.)
Edward Engelbart, Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board
Larry Gindoff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
James Humphreys, Region V - Boonton Township
Greg Keller, Morris County Agriculture Development Board (arrived 7:03 P.M.)
Don Kuser, Region IV - Denville
Dev Modi, Region VIII - Harding
Annabel Pierce, Morris County Planning Board (arrived 7:10 P.M.)
Donald Travisano, Region II - Dover
Kathy Valva, Region III - Jefferson
Rick Watson, At-Large
Kim Wentworth, Morris County Park Commission (departed 8:50 P.M.)

Members with excused absence:

Guy Piserchia, At-Large
William Roehrich, Region I - Washington Twp.
Linda Roetman, Region VI - Riverdale

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Public Works
Christine Marion, Director, Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation
John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel (arrived 6:45 P.M.)
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust

Members of the public:

Brendan Rae, Mayor, Township of Long Hill (arrived at 7:05 P.M. and departed at 7:15 P.M.)
Neil Henry, Administrator, Township of Long Hill (arrived at 7:05 P.M. and departed at 7:15 P.M.)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Chairperson Watson 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Kathy Valva, seconded by Dev Modi, the committee approved the regular and closed session minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Gindoff, Humphreys, Kuser, Modi, Valva, Watson, Wentworth
Nay: None Abstain: Dougherty, Engelbart, Travisano

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 Ed Engelbart, seconded by Don Kuser, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:37 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reopened to the public at 6:56 P.M.

1. Preservation Trust Fund Rules and Regulations – incorporation of policies and other amendments: Ms. Murray explained there are four open space program policies which will be incorporated into the Preservation Trust Fund Rules and Regulations: Requirements for Site Visits and Final Presentations (new Section 3.3.6.1); Appraisal Requirements (new Section 3.3.6.2); Requirements for Surveys (new section 3.3.7.4) and Diversions of Preserved Lands (new Section 3.3.8) for formal adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Ms. Murray highlighted some of the additional changes made to the rules to formally reference an application and review process (Section 3.3.6); land use and deed restrictions on preserved properties (Section 3.3.7.2) and address subdivisions when only portions of a property are acquired as open space (3.3.7.3).

On a motion by Kathy Valva, seconded by Don Kuser, the committee recommended the incorporation of the open space program policies and other changes to the Preservation Trust Fund Rules and Regulations for action by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Engelbart, Gindoff, Humphreys, Keller, Kuser, Modi, Travisano, Valva, Watson, Wentworth.
Nay: None Abstain: None

2. Site Visit and Final Applicant Presentation Schedule - Ms. Murray circulated the sign-up sheets for the site visits and reviewed the final presentation schedule with the

committee. Ms. Murray indicated the committee's policy is to require each member to visit at least 40% of the sites to participate in deliberations. Members can visit sites on their own to attain the attendance requirement.

3. Report of Recent Trust Fund Closings - Ms. Murray reviewed the recent trust fund closings with the committee.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:00 P.M.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Township of Long Hill/"Gillette Riverwalk Park" – On a motion by Don Kuser, seconded by Ed Engelbart, the committee voted to approve the second grant extension for the project, to expire June 17, 2016. Aye: Engelbart, Gindoff, Humphreys, Keller, Kuser, Modi, Pierce, Travisano, Valva, Watson, Wentworth Nay: None Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE

There will be no regular meeting in October. The committee will reconvene for applicant presentations on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the County Library located at 30 East Hanover Avenue in Whippany, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Don Kuser, seconded by Dev Modi, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray