

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey
October 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson Watson.

Members present:

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
Don Kuser, Region IV - Denville
Annabel Pierce, Morris County Planning Board
Guy Piserchia, At-Large
Bill Roehrich, Region I – Washington Twp. (departed meeting at 7:47 P.M.)
Linda Roetman, Region VI - Riverdale
Don Travisano, Region II - Dover
Kathy Valva, Region III - Jefferson
Rick Watson, Region VII – Morris Twp.

Members with excused absence:

Dev Modi, Region VIII - Harding
Kim Wentworth, Morris County Park Commission

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

Members of the Public

Ellen Emr, Boonton resident
Bob Tullock, Boonton resident

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, Township of Hanover, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

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 Bill Roehrich, seconded by Kathy Valva, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:32 P.M.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 6:47 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Emr, Boonton resident, spoke in support of the Mountain Lakes Conservancy application. She stated she formerly lived in Mt. Lakes and was chair of the environmental commission when the Conservancy first submitted the application in 2004. She was on the Borough Council in 2010 and also supported the Borough's application for this same property at that time. She stated it has been a long quest to protect an environmentally sensitive property.

Bill Tullock, Boonton resident, spoke in favor of the Canal Society application. He formerly owned a store across from the boardwalk and described how the boardwalk was used for Boonton Day and town activities. He said he looks forward to the fence being removed and the boardwalk being opened up to the public again.

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RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:14 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Larry Gindoff, seconded by Guy Piserchia, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray