MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

Morris County Library, Public Meeting Room, 30 E. Hanover Avenue, Whippany, NJ
June 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 PM by Art Palombo, Chairman.

Members present:
Janet Foster, Architectural History
Mary-Anna Holden, Region IV
William Orlandi, Region I
Arturo Palombo, Preservation Architecture
George Shanoian, Region III
John Solu, Building Restoration
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

Also attending:
Deena Cybulski, Director, Morris County Dept. of Planning & Development
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

Members of the Public:
None

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 were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board 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 Chairman Palombo, seconded by member Foster, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:27 P.M.

At this point, Mr. William P. Downing arrived and wished to address the Board.

RETURN TO MEETING
The Board unanimously voted to end the closed session and return to open session. The meeting reopened to the public at 6:28 PM.

Mr. Downing asked about the HP Board’s meeting policies. Mr. Chang explained that the HP Board conducts the applicant Final Presentations in closed session in order to discuss matters related to Contract Negotiations. Mr. Downing asked for a justification or attorney ruling regarding the decision to exclude the public from the presentations. He stated that the Mt. Tabor Historic District application has a direct effect on the status of his home. He requested that a ruling prior to the HP Board meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 be provided regarding his request to attend the presentation. Mr. Chang stated that a response will be provided to Mr. Downing.

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RETURN TO MEETING
The meeting reopened to the public at 9:25 PM.

REVIEW SCHEDULE
Mr. Chang reminded the Board of the review schedule:

Wednesday, June 6  2nd Final Presentations (County Library)
Monday, June 11  3rd Final Presentations (County Library)
Wednesday, June 13  Board Deliberation (MCP&D)
Wednesday, June 27  Funding Recommendations to Freeholders

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation
Program Coordinator