

**MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Chairperson Rick Watson.

Members present:

Tom Donadio, Region V – Boonton Township
Edward Engelbart, Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board
Larry Gindoff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Kathy Hammond, Region III - Jefferson
Greg Keller, Morris County Agriculture Development Board
Don Kuser, Region IV - Denville
Dev Modi, Region VIII - Harding
Annabel Pierce, Morris County Planning Board (arrived 6:49 P.M.)
William Roehrich, Region I - Washington Twp.
Donald Travisano, Region II - Dover
Rick Watson, At-Large

Members with excused absence:

Mary Dougherty, Region VII - Morristown
Guy Piserchia, At-Large
Linda Roetman, Region VI – Riverdale
Barbara Shepard, 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 (arrived 6:42 P.M.)
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation
John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel (arrived 6:46 P.M.)
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust

Members of the public:

Joyce Kanigel, Councilwoman, Borough of Rockaway (arrived at 6:36 P.M. and departed at 7:05 P.M.)
Thomas Mulligan, Council President, Borough of Rockaway (arrived at 6:36 P.M. and departed at 7:05 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 Don Kuser, seconded by William Roehrich, the committee approved the regular and closed session minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Engelbart, Gindoff, Hammond, Keller, Kuser, Modi, Roehrich, Travisano, Watson
Nay: None Abstain: Donadio

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 Don Travisano, seconded by Ed Engelbart, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:36 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:48 P.M.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

1. Borough of Rockaway – “Ogden Parcel Open Space Acquisition”
On a motion by William Roehrich, seconded by Kathy Hammond the committee recommended a second grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Gindoff, Hammond, Keller, Kuser, Modi, Pierce, Roehrich, Watson
Nay: Donadio, Engelbart, Travisano Abstain: None

2. Canal Society of NJ – “Morris Canal Greenway-Shippenport”
On a motion by Edward Engelbart, seconded by Greg Keller the committee recommended a second grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Donadio, Engelbart, Gindoff, Hammond, Keller, Kuser, Modi, Pierce, Roehrich, Travisano, Watson Nay: None Abstain: None

3. 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.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will reconvene for applicant presentations on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the County Library located at 30 East Hanover Avenue in Whippany, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dev Modi, seconded by Greg Keller, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray