

**MINUTES  
MORRIS COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE  
30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey  
October 23, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Watson.

Members present:

John Andrus, Region II – Mendham Borough  
Marcia Asdal, Region I – Chester Township  
George Coogan, Region VII – Morris Plains  
Nita Galate, Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board  
Robin Jones, Region VI - Pequannock  
Joyce Kanigel, Region IV – Rockaway Borough  
Guy Piserchia, At-Large  
Don Richardson, Region VIII – Long Hill  
Elliott Ruga, Region V – Boonton Town (participated via phone at 7:35 P.M.)  
Laura Szwak, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority  
Matthew Tal, Morris County Park Commission  
Jay Thomson, Morris County Agriculture Development Board  
Rick Watson, At-Large

Members with excused absence:

Joseph Nametko, Region III - Netcong  
Annabel Pierce, Morris County Planning Board

Also attending:

Christine Marion, Director, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation  
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation  
John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel  
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust (arrived at 7:35 P.M.)

Members of the Public:

None

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**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 George Coogan, seconded by Guy Piserchia, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:01 P.M.

**RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:13 P.M.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

2018 Open Space Recommendations – On a motion by George Coogan, seconded by Guy Piserchia, the Committee approved transmitting their 2018 open space grant recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, per the discussion held in executive session with abstentions and dissentions for specific projects as noted. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Andrus, Asdal, Coogan, Galate, Jones, Kanigel, Piserchia, Richardson, Ruga (via phone), Szwak, Tal, Thomson, Watson. Nay: None Abstain: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Don Richardson, seconded by Jay Thomson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray