

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

**Via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>
November 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice-Chairman Engelbart.

Members present:

Edward Engelbart, At-Large
Lawrence Fast, Morris County Heritage Commission
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist
Martin Kane, At-Large
Bethany Russo, Architectural History
Monica Scozzafava, Region III
John Solu, Building Restoration
Eileen Stokes, Region I
Martha Wells, Region IV

Excused Absence:

Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture
Nita Galate, Region II

Also attending:

Stephen H. Shaw, Morris County Freeholder Deputy Director
Joseph Barilla, Morris County Planning Director
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Engelbart stated that adequate notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION

Freeholder Deputy Director Shaw thanked four Board members for their services on the HP Board: Eileen Stokes (Region I, 6 years), Nita Galate (Region II, 6 years), Monica Scozzafava (Region III, 6 years), and Larry Fast (Morris County Heritage Commission, 16 years). They each received a special resolution of honor issued by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

During his tenure, member Fast evaluated more than \$53.2 million in grant requests and recommended more than \$36.1 million in grant funding for various historic preservation projects and served as Chairman of the Board from 2008 to 2011. Members Stokes, Scozzafava and

Galate, who has chaired the board since 2019, evaluated more than \$23.6 million in grant requests during their tenure and recommended more than \$18.6 million in grant funding for various historic preservation projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Fast, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board’s meeting of September 23, 2020.

Aye: Engelbart, Fast, Granbery, Kane, Russo, Scozzafava, Stokes, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: Solu

RESULT OF E-MAIL VOTE

2016 Hartley Dodge Memorial Grant Extension

The Borough of Madison requested a grant extension for its 2016 Hartley Dodge Memorial grant (unspent funds include bidding and construction administration for the Plaza Restoration project) even though the Borough is technically out of extensions (Second extension expired March 27, 2020). The County’s special counsel has advised that if the HP Board wants to grant an additional extension due to COVID, it could make such a recommendation to the Freeholders. As the Borough anticipated the construction period to be 28 weeks, the extension could be for 18 months (to cover the period from the expiration of the second extension) or expiring September 27, 2021. Through e-mail vote received by October 14, 2020, the HP Board recommended the Freeholders to grant an 18-month final extension due to the COVID pandemic to the 2016 grant for the Hartley Dodge Memorial with an expiration date of September 27, 2021.

Aye: Engelbart, Fast, Galate, Granbery, Kane, Russo, Scozzafava, Stokes, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: DeBiasse, Solu

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Chang used a PowerPoint to present a grant project update to the Board: Since November 2019, grantees have completed 4 Preservation Plans / Condition Assessments with grant amount of \$83,428; 8 Construction Documents with grant amount of \$207,131; and 14 Construction Projects with grant amount of \$1,777,497.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no questions / comments from the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, via Webex:
<https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>, starting at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member Kane, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator