

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

Via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>
September 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Galate.

Members present:

Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture
Edward Engelbart, At-Large
Lawrence Fast, Morris County Heritage Commission
Nita Galate, Region II
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist
Martin Kane, At-Large
Bethany Russo, Architectural History
Monica Scozzafava, Region III
Eileen Stokes, Region I
Martha Wells, Region IV

Excused Absence:

John Solu, Building Restoration

Also attending:

Raymond Codey, Administrator, Borough of Madison
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Chairwoman Galate 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by member Engelbart, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve the minutes and Closed Session minutes of the Board's meeting of July 15, 2020.

Aye: DeBiasse, Engelbart, Fast, Galate, Granbery, Kane, Scozzafava, Stokes, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Russo

On motion by member Engelbart, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board's Special Meeting of July 27, 2020.

Aye: DeBiasse, Engelbart, Fast, Galate, Granbery, Kane, Russo, Scozzafava, Stokes, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: None

GRANT EXTENSIONS

The following members had conflicts of interest with certain application(s). During discussion of these applications, the associated members were moved to the Webex “Lobby” area where they were unable to see / hear or participate in the discussions, and were re-admitted to the Webex meeting following those discussions.

Gary DeBiase – Hartley Dodge Memorial (Madison)
Edward Engelbart – Martin Berry House (Pequannock)
Monica Scozzafava –Boonton Holmes Public Library (Boonton Town)

Hartley Dodge Memorial (2016 grant)

Mr. Chang noted that the applicant, Borough of Madison, received a 2016 grant for Construction Documents which received 2 extensions expiring March 27, 2020. The Construction Documents portion of the grant have been completed, but funds remain for bidding and construction administration of the Plaza Restoration project.

Mr. Codey addressed the Board. He noted that bid received for the project was \$900,000 over budget and the Borough had to remove certain items (heat/ice melt features that were not a part of the approved grant scope) from the project. The construction project is expected to last 28 weeks. Although the grant is technically out of extensions, the Borough requests a final extension due to the pandemic.

The Board asked staff to check with the County’s Special Council to see if this extension request may be granted considering the pandemic. Staff can follow up with an e-mail vote to the Board. (At this point Mr. Codey left the meeting)

Morris Museum (2016-Construction grant)

The applicant, Morris Museum, received a 2016 Construction grant for the front porch restoration which received an initial extension expiring September 28, 2020. The Museum is not requesting an extension for this grant, but will possibly apply to the County in the 2021 round.

Morris Museum (2016-Non-Construction grant)

The Museum also received a 2016 Non-Construction grant for Construction Documents toward roof and front porch roof which received an initial extension expiring September 28, 2020. The Museum requests a second extension for 6 months to expire March 28, 2021.

Fox’s Brook Culvert (2018 grant)

The applicant, the Borough of Rockaway, received a 2018 grant for Stabilization & Restoration of the Culvert. The Borough requests an initial extension of 1 year to expire September 23, 2021.

Boonton Holmes Library (2018 grant)

The applicant, Town of Boonton, received a 2018 grant for window restoration. The Town has awarded a contract, and expects completion of the project in early spring of 2021. The Town requests an initial extension of 1 year to expire September 23, 2021.

Bridget Smith House (2018 grant)

The applicant, Township of Mine Hill, received a 2018 grant for Interior Restoration. The Township requests an initial extension of 2 years to expire September 23, 2022.

Hancock Cemetery (2018 grant)

The applicant, Borough of Florham Park, received a 2018 grant for Preservation Plan. The project is complete pending County consultant review. The Borough requests an initial extension of 3 months to expire December 23, 2020.

King Homestead Museum (2018 grant)

The applicant, Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc., received a 2018 grant for Stone Wall Extension. The applicant requests an initial extension of 1 year to expire September 23, 2021.

Martin Berry House (2018 grant)

The applicant, Township of Pequannock, received a 2018 grant for Rehabilitation. The project is about 30% complete. The Township requests an initial extension of 2 years to expire September 23, 2022.

Morris Canal Lock 2 East (2018 grant)

The applicant, Borough of Wharton, received a 2018 grant for Construction Administration. The Borough requests an initial extension of 2 years to expire September 23, 2022.

Smith-Baldwin House (2018 grant)

The applicant, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, received a 2018 grant for Phase 2 Rehabilitation. The Township still needs to complete storm windows. The Township requests an initial extension of 6 months to expire March 23, 2021.

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Russo, the Board voted to approve the following grant extensions with certain members abstaining on projects they had conflicts with (see above).

Aye: DeBiasse, Engelbart, Fast, Galate, Granbery, Kane, Russo, Scozzafava, Stokes, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: None

Grant Project	Grant Year	Expiration Date
Morris Museum – Construction Documents	2016	March 28, 2021
Fox’s Brook Culver – Stabilization & Restoration	2018	September 23, 2021
Boonton Holmes Library – Window Restoration	2018	September 23, 2021
Bridget Smith House – Interior Restoration	2018	September 23, 2022
Hancock Cemetery – Preservation Plan	2018	December 23, 2020
King Homestead Museum – Stone Wall Extension	2018	September 23, 2021
Martin Berry House – Rehabilitation	2018	September 23, 2022
Morris Canal Lock 2 East – Construction Administration	2018	September 23, 2022
Smith-Baldwin House – Phase 2 Rehabilitation	2018	March 23, 2021

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no questions / comments from the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, via Webex:
<https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>, starting at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member Engelbart, seconded by member Kane, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM with all in favor.

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