

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

### **MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD**

Via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>

**January 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ray Chang.

#### Members present:

Richard Conklin, Region III  
Amy Curry, Region II  
Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture  
Joseph Falco, At-Large  
Lawrence Fast, At-Large  
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist  
Edward Hanington, Region I  
Martin Kane, Morris County Heritage Commission  
John Solu, Building Restoration  
Martha Wells, Region IV

#### Excused Absence:

Jill Gotthelf, Architectural History

#### Also attending:

Stephen H. Shaw, County Commissioner  
Brian Murray, Assistant County Administrator  
Joe Barilla, Morris County Planning Director  
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT**

Mr. Chang stated that 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.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Chang served as temporary Chairperson and took nominations for the position of Chairperson.

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Curry, Mr. Lawrence Fast was nominated for Chairperson. There being no other nominations, on motion by member Solu, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to close the nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Fast was unanimously elected Chairperson, and chaired the meeting from this point.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Curry, Mr. Martin Kane was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. There being no other nominations, on motion by member Wells, seconded

by member Solu, the Board voted to close the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Kane was unanimously elected Vice-Chairperson.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shaw thanked the Board members for their volunteer service on the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of September 21, 2022.

Aye: Curry, Fast, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Conklin, DeBiasse, Falco

## **2023 REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Mr. Chang provided the Board with the 2023 grant review and meeting schedule as follows:

Wednesday, <b>January 25</b> , 7:00 PM	Application Workshop, via Webex
Wednesday, <b>May 3</b> , 7:00 PM	Board Meeting, via Webex
Saturday, <b>May 13</b> , 9:00 AM	Board Site Visit, <b>In-Person</b>
<b>May 15-25</b>	Individual Board Member Visits, <b>In-Person</b>
Monday, <b>June 5</b> , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #1, via Webex
Wednesday, <b>June 7</b> , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #2, via Webex
Monday, <b>June 12</b> , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #3, via Webex
Wednesday, <b>June 14</b> , 7:00 PM	Board Deliberation, via Webex
Wednesday, <b>June 28</b> , 4:30 PM	Funding Recommendation made to Commissioners
Wednesday, <b>July 12</b> , 7:00 PM	Grant Awards made by Commissioners
Wednesday, <b>Sept. 20</b> , 7:00 PM	Board Meeting, via Webex
Wednesday, <b>Nov. 15</b> , 7:00 PM	Board Meeting, via Webex

## **PROJECT STATUS**

Mr. Chang updated the Board regarding the status of the L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum project. As the Board is aware, a fire occurred in July 2022 shortly after the completion of the 2020 Interior Restoration grant. At the current time, temporary electric service is in place for the boiler and water heater and the security/fire protection systems. The heat is on and working. Security system and smoke detectors are operating. An electrician will perform a circuit test on the existing electric service. Connolly & Hickey Architects has provided a proposal to develop specifications for the repairs to the floor, ceiling and door.

Mr. Chang also provided an update regarding the Madison Masonic Lodge. The Borough of Madison received a 2022 grant of \$107,200 for restoration of the Lodge. Earlier this January, the Masons advised that they have decided to list the Lodge for sale for \$2.5 million. The reason for the listing was that the \$600,000 in grants secured by the Borough from the State and County were insufficient to fund the \$1.1 million repairs needed. The Borough had previously informed the Lodge that the Borough had lined up an anonymous donor who committed \$500,000 to fill the funding gap with one condition for naming the Borough Senior Center on site.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

Mr. Chang advised the Board regarding the County's Conflict of Interest policy. Board members with conflict of interest on any application must refrain from Board discussions and deliberation on those particular applications.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023 Via Webex, <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/join/rchang>, at 7:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.  
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator