

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

Information Technology Conference Room
30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, Fourth Floor
Also via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/join/rchang>

June 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Fast.

Members present:

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

Excused Absence:

John Solu, Building Restoration

Also attending:

Joe Barilla, Morris County Planning Director
Alyssa Ercan, Planning Aide, Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Chairman Fast 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023 Board Final Presentation #2 Meeting.

Aye: Conklin, Curry, DeBiasse, Falco, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: None

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

WHEREAS, said Act provided that this Board may exclude the public from the discussion of such matters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board 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 member Conklin, seconded by member DeBiase, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 7:07 PM.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:51 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Fast noted that the Board had deliberated in Closed Session, and will take a vote on its recommendation.

On a motion by member Granbery, seconded by member Falco, the Board voted to present to the Morris County Board of County Commissioners the following funding recommendations for the 2023 Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund, with the following members abstaining on specific applications:

- Amy Curry – Acorn Hall – CD & Fence (Morristown)
- Gary DeBiase – Hartley Dodge Memorial (Madison)
- Joseph Falco - Hartley Dodge Memorial (Madison)
- Jill Gotthelf – Mt. Lakes Train Station (Mt. Lakes)
- Martin Kane – Growing Stage (Netcong), Mt. Lakes Train Station (Mt. Lakes)
- Martha Wells – Mount Vernon School (Chatham Township)

Project Name	Location	Grant Request	Recommended Funding
Boonton Main Street Historic District – Register Nomination	Boonton Town	\$60,000	\$60,000
Darress Theatre - Preservation Plan Update	Boonton Town	\$300,000	\$44,400
Mount Vernon School - Exterior Restoration	Chatham Twp.	\$85,650	\$85,650
Ayres Farm Garage - Stabilization	Denville Twp.	\$310,640	\$40,000
Samuel Tuttle House – Exterior Repair & Stabilization	Hanover Twp.	\$862,800	\$338,300
Hartley Dodge Memorial – Construction Documents	Madison Boro.	\$184,640	\$184,640
Phoenix House - Exterior Restoration	Mendham Boro.	\$214,029	\$214,029
Scott Farm Barn - Rehabilitation	Mendham Boro.	\$434,845	\$129,572
Kountze Mansion - Roof Restoration	Morris Twp.	\$581,720	\$50,000
Willows at Fosterfields - Phase 2	Morris Twp.	\$339,752	\$270,518
Acorn Hall - Construction Documents	Morristown Town	\$61,320	\$61,320
Acorn Hall - Fence Restoration	Morristown Town	\$40,500	\$40,500

Lindenwold - Construction Documents	Morristown Town	\$79,565	\$65,765
Morristown & Morris Twp. Library – Willis Wing Repairs	Morristown Town	\$232,460	\$232,460
Morristown Community Theater – Partial Exterior Restoration	Morristown Town	\$451,648	\$282,280
Woman's Club of Morristown - Exterior Repairs	Morristown Town	\$90,480	\$90,480
Seward House - Barn Roof Restoration	Mount Olive Twp.	\$417,928	\$417,928
Mountain Lakes Train Station – Construction Documents	Mountain Lakes Boro.	\$30,680	\$30,680
Growing Stage - Stage & Circulation Upgrades	Netcong Boro.	\$187,336	\$117,085
Craftsman Farms - Log End Restoration	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	\$37,620	\$37,620
Pompton Plains Railroad Station – Roof Replacement	Pequannock Twp.	\$247,765	\$205,201
Friends Meeting House – Wall & Fence Restoration	Randolph Twp.	\$131,160	\$131,072
Obadiah LaTourette Grist and Saw Mill - Foundation Stabilization	Washington Twp.	\$470,500	\$470,500
TOTAL		\$5,853,038	\$3,600,000

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Chang advised the Board that Chairman Fast will present the Board’s 2023 funding recommendations to the Commissioners during their Work Session on June 28, 2023 at 4:30 PM. Board members are welcome to attend in person or via Webex.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 7:00 PM, via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/join/rchang>
Join by phone 1-408-418-9388 Access code: 714 291 650

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member DeBiase, seconded by member Conklin, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator