

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board

Regular Meeting via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/join/rchang>

September 20, 2023

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

Members present:

Amy Curry, Region II
Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture
Lawrence Fast, At-Large
Jill Gotthelf, Architectural History
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:

Richard Conklin, Region III
Joseph Falco, At-Large

Also attending:

Jillian Barrick, Morristown Business Administrator
Margaret Hickey, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects
Virginia Michelin, Morris County Assistant Planning Director
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

Mr. Chang advised that the draft minutes of the Board's June 14, 2023 were edited to correct the title for Alyssa Ercan. On motion by member Wells, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve the regular meeting minutes from the June 14, 2023 Board Deliberations Meeting.

Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: Solu

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes from the June 14, 2023 Board Deliberations Meeting.

Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: Solu

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 Granbery, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 7:10 PM. Ms. Hickey was moved to the Webex lobby.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:20 PM. Ms. Hickey was moved back into the Webex meeting.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Morristown Post Office – Acquisition (2020 and 2021 grants)

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve the second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 acquisition grant for the Morristown Post Office.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion by member Wells, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to approve the first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 acquisition grant for the Morristown Post Office.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

GRANT EXTENSIONS

Bridget Smith House – Interior Restoration (2018 grant), Phase 2 Restoration (2019 grant)

The Township of Mine Hill received a 2018 grant for Interior Restoration at the Bridget Smith House.

The Township requested a final extension of 1 year to expire September 23, 2024 due to the COVID pandemic and municipal budget restraint. The Township of Mine Hill received a 2019 grant for Phase 2 Restoration at the Bridget Smith House. The Township requested a second extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Granbery, seconded by member Wells, the Board voted to approve a final grant extension of 1 year to expire September 23, 2024 for the 2018 grant for Bridget Smith House due to the COVID pandemic and municipal budget restraint.

Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Hanington

On motion by member Gotthelf, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2019 grant for Bridget Smith House.

Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Hanington

Morris Canal Plane 2 East – Phase 2 Stabilization (2019 grant)

The Township of Roxbury received a 2019 grant for Phase 2 Stabilization at the Morris Canal Plane 2 East. The Township requested a final extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2019 grant due to the COVID pandemic and upgrades required at the Ledgewood dam project.

On motion by member Gotthelf, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve a final grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2019 grant for Morris Canal Plane 2 East due to the COVID pandemic and upgrades required at the Ledgewood dam project.

Aye: DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Curry

Ford-Faesch House – Partial Interior Restoration (2020 grant)

The Township of Rockaway received a 2020 grant for Partial Interior Restoration at the Ford-Faesch House. The Township requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Kane, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for Ford-Faesch House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

King Homestead Museum – Store Electrical System (2020 grant)

The Roxbury Historic Trust received a 2020 grant for Store Electrical System at the King Store. The Roxbury Historic Trust requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024. The Roxbury Historic Trust received a 2021 grant for Store Interior Restoration at the King Store. The Roxbury Historic Trust requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Wells, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for Store Electrical System, and a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Store Interior Restoration.

Aye: DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Curry

Lake Hopatcong Train Station – Site Restoration (2020 grant)

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation received a 2020 grant for Site Restoration at the Lake Hopatcong Train Station. The Foundation requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for the Lake Hopatcong Train Station.

Aye: DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Curry, Kane

L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum – Interior Restoration (2020 grant)

The Borough of Kinnelon received a 2020 grant for Interior Restoration at the L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum. The Borough requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for the L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Richardson History House – Phase 2 (2020 grant)

The Mt. Tabor Historical Society received a 2020 grant for Phase 2 at the Richardson History House. The Society requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024.

On motion by member Hanington, seconded by member Wells, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for Richardson History House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Seward House – Phase 1C Partial Exterior Restoration (2020 grant), Partial Exterior Restoration (2021 grant)

The Township of Mt. Olive received a 2020 grant for Phase 1C Partial Exterior Restoration at the Seward House. The Township requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024. The Township of Mt. Olive received a 2021 grant for Partial Exterior Restoration at the Seward House. The Township requested a first extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Kane, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for Seward House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion by member Wells, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025 for the 2021 grant for Seward House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Stone Arch Bridge – Bridge Stabilization (2020 grant)

The Town of Boonton received a 2020 grant for Bridge Stabilization at the Stone Arch Bridge. The Town requested a second extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024.

On motion by member Granbery, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a second grant extension of 1 year to expire October 14, 2024 for the 2020 grant for Stone Arch Bridge.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Acorn Hall Carriage House – Phase III: Interior Rehabilitation (2021 grant)

The Morris County Historical Society received a 2021 grant for Phase III: Interior Rehabilitation at the Acorn Hall Carriage House. The Historical Society requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Kane, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Acorn Hall Carriage House.

Aye: DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Curry

Arthur W. Condict House – Rehabilitation (2021 grant)

The Dover Area Historical Society received a 2021 grant for Rehabilitation at the Arthur W. Condict House. The Historical Society requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Granbery, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Arthur W. Condict House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Boonton Ironworks – Preservation Plan (2021 grant)

The Town of Boonton received a 2021 grant for Preservation Plan at the Boonton Ironworks. The Town requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Wells, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Boonton Ironworks.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Boonton Train Trestle – Construction Documents (2021 grant)

The Town of Boonton received a 2021 grant for Construction Documents at the Boonton Train Trestle. The Town requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Boonton Train Trestle.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Friends Meeting House – Exterior Restoration (2021 grant)

The Friends Meeting House & Cemetery Association of Randolph received a 2021 grant for Exterior Restoration at the Friends Meeting House. The Association requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Hanington, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Friends Meeting House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Little Red Schoolhouse – Interior Restoration (2021 grant)

The Borough of Florham Park received a 2021 grant for Interior Restoration at the Little Red Schoolhouse. The Borough requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Little Red Schoolhouse.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Martin Berry House – Rehabilitation (2021 grant)

The Township of Pequannock received a 2021 grant for Rehabilitation at the Martin Berry House. The Township requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Martin Berry House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Morris Canal Plane 1 East – Master Plan (2021 grant)

The Township of Roxbury received a 2021 grant for Master Plan at the Morris Canal Plane 1 East. The Township requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Gotthelf, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Morris Canal Plane 1 East.

Aye: DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: Curry

Morris Museum – Roof Restoration (2021 grant)

The Morris Museum received a 2021 grant for Roof Restoration at the Morris Museum. The Museum requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Solu, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Morris Museum.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Obadiah LaTourette Grist & Saw Mill – Stabilization (2021 grant), Construction Documents (2021 grant)

The Washington Township Land Trust received a 2021 grant for Stabilization at the Obadiah LaTourette Grist & Saw Mill. The Land Trust requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024. The Washington Township Land Trust received a 2021 grant for Construction Documents at the Obadiah LaTourette Grist & Saw Mill. The Land Trust requested a first extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025.

On motion by member Curry, seconded by member Wells, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Obadiah LaTourette Grist & Saw Mill - Stabilization.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion by member DeBiasse, seconded by member Granbery, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025 for the 2021 grant for Obadiah LaTourette Grist & Saw Mill – Construction Documents.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Phoenix House – Structural Upgrades (2021 grant)

The Borough of Mendham received a 2021 grant for Structural Upgrades at the Phoenix House. The Borough requested a first extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025.

On motion by member Granbery, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 2 years to expire September 22, 2025 for the 2021 grant for Phoenix House.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Woman's Club of Morristown – Exterior Repairs (2021 grant)

The Woman's Club of Morristown received a 2021 grant for Exterior Repairs at the Woman's Club of Morristown. The Woman's Club of Morristown requested a first extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024.

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to approve a first grant extension of 1 year to expire September 22, 2024 for the 2021 grant for Woman's Club of Morristown.
Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Solu, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 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 DeBiasse, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator