

**MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE**

October 20, 2020

Held remotely via WebEx:

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Phone In: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 712 349 680

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Jay Thomson.

Members present:

Jacqueline (Jaki) Albrecht, Region III – Roxbury
Jennifer Cooper, Region I – Chester Borough
Nita Galate, Morris County Planning Board and Trail Program Advisory Committee
Robin Jones, Region VI - Pequannock
Suzanne McCluskey, Region VII – Morris Plains
Robert Norton, Region IV – Wharton (arrived 6:23 P.M.)
Kaushik (Casey) Parikh, At-Large
Don Richardson, Region VIII – Long Hill
Elliott Ruga, Region V – Town of Boonton
Mohamed Seyam, At-Large
David Sprandel, Region II – Mendham Borough
Laura Szwak, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Matthew Tal, Morris County Park Commission
Jay Thomson, Morris County Agriculture Development Board

Also attending:

John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel
William Johnson, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Preservation Trust Fund
Joe Barilla, Director, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program Coordinator, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust

Members of the Public:

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Chairperson Thomson stated that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the

Open Space Trust Fund Committee may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Open Space Trust Fund Committee 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 Jaki Albrecht, seconded by Don Richardson, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:09 P.M.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:40 P.M.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

2020 Open Space Recommendations – On a motion by Laura Szwak, seconded by Jaki Albrecht, the Committee approved transmitting their 2020 open space grant recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, per the discussion held in executive session with abstentions and dissensions for specific projects as noted. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Albrecht, Cooper, Galate, Jones, McCluskey, Norton, Parikh, Richardson, Ruga, Seyam, Sprandel, Szwak, Tal, Thomson. Nay: None Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jaki Albrecht, seconded by Laura Szwak, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang