## WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue Oxford, NJ 07863

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Corey Tierney opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Jean Smolha

Todd Tersigni

Nancy Miller

Robert Vetrecin

Charles Fineran Susan Beall

Daniel Kubik David Smith

Richard Ohl

Ingrid Gray

Members Absent: Carren Thomas, Timothy Bodine

**Staff Present:** 

Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

Minutes: The October 2, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Todd Tersigni motioned, seconded by Charles Fineran to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call was done of all members present at the October meeting; the minutes were approved, with David Smith abstaining. Motion carried.

#### REORGANIZATION and APPOINTMENTS

#### **Appointments:**

Region 1 - Ingrid Gray, Pohatcong Township

Region 4 - Daniel Kubik, Franklin Township

Region 6 - Richard Ohl, Hardwick Township

#### Reappointments:

Warren County Planning Board Representative: David Smith

Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission Representative: Nancy Miller Board of Chosen Freeholders At-Large Representative Alternate: Jean Smolha

Mr. Tierney read the Oath of Office and had the new and reappointed members repeat after him.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Chairperson: Charles Fineran motioned, seconded by Nancy Miller to elect Mr. Tersigni as Chairperson. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson: Todd Tersigni motioned, seconded by Nancy Miller to elect Mr. Fineran as Vice Chairperson. Roll call was done and all members present approved, with Mr. Fineran abstaining. Motion carried.

Second Vice Chairperson: Todd Tersigni motioned, seconded by Susan Beall to elect Nancy Miller as Second Vice Chairperson. All members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**2018 Meeting Dates:** The 2018 meeting dates were reviewed. Richard Ohl motioned, seconded by Robert Vetricin to approve the 2018 meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried.

**2018 Newspapers:** Mr. Tierney suggested the Committee use the County's approved newspapers for announcements: The Star Ledger and the Daily Record. Charles Fineran motioned, seconded by Nancy Miller to accept the suggested newspapers. Motion carried.

**Scenic Byway Committee Appointment:** Robert Vetricin volunteered to serve as the liaison for the MCCTFC.

**NJ Supreme Court Ruling:** Mr. Tierney explained that due to the recent NJ Supreme Court ruling, churches are no longer permitted to receive public funding for restoration in most instances. Church structures that are not used for religious purposes, such as those owned by a municipality and operated as a community center, are still able to receive funding.

**Director's Comments:** Mr. Tierney gave an overview of the grant award process and noted that the Committee should review the evaluation criteria that was sent out with the applications. The Committee has \$687,500.00 in available funding to award this year and eight applications were received, totaling approximately \$803,117.58. There were no open space applications received this year. The Committee will prioritize projects based on public benefit and significance of the project.

**2018 Applications:** All of the applications were reviewed, briefly discussed, and are considered complete. Charles Fineran motioned, seconded by Richard Ohl that all submissions are eligible to proceed in the application process. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**: The August meeting is canceled in lieu of site visits that month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018, on which applicant presentations to the Committee will be provided.

**Site Visits:** Site visits will be scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018.

There being no further business, Robert Vetricin motioned, seconded by Nancy Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Roberts

Administrative Clerk