WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue Oxford, NJ 07863

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF October 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Tersigni opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Todd Tersigni

Charles Fineran Cindy Neumann

Louis Cartabona

Desiree Denker

Ralph Fiore Richard Evans

Jean Smolha

Nancy Miller

Terry Urfer David Smith

Members Absent: Timothy Bodine

Staff Present:

Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

Guests:

Michael Margulies, Joel McGreen, Richard Ohl

Minutes: The September 14, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Miller motioned, seconded by Ms. Neumann to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Rutherfurd Hall – Michael Margulies from Eclectic Architecture provided the Rutherfurd Hall presentation. Mr. Cartabona inquired if they received an engineer's report for the two additional bathrooms or if only one ADA compliant restroom was funded, if another could be completed later. Mr. Margulies replied that all required reports have been completed and the project is ready to start; the first floor would need to be prioritized first. Ms. Neumann asked how much money will be needed to complete any future projects. Mr. Margulies said he is unaware of any current plans for future applications once the projects included in the application have been completed.

Still Valley Tunnel - Mr. Margulies provided the presentation for Still Valley Tunnel. Mr. Fiore asked if this is an active rail bed. Mr. Margulies said it has been converted to a Rails-to-Trails project. Ms. Miller inquired how long the trail is; Mr. Margulies will find out and report back.

Vass Farmstead - Richard Ohl from Hardwick Historical Society discussed the Vass Farmstead application. The application includes plaster and paint work in the upstairs bathroom, front porch repairs, new shutters and hardware installed, handicap accessible ramp installed on the house and barn, front door glass needs to be replaced, repaint all-purpose room, smoke alarms, silos need painting, maintenance shed needs repair, fill-dirt needed to cover foundation of dismantled dairy barn for future use as a garden. This application will complete the work needing to be done at the house. Ms. Miller asked what materials they plan to use for ramps. Mr. Ohl said a cement pad will be installed for cars to drive up to and ramp will likely be wood.

Paulins Kill River Park – Joel McGreen from Blairstown Open Space Committee presented on the open space project near the Catherine Dickson-Hoffman Library. It has open fields, wooded areas, and river frontage. There will be no maintenance or stewardship costs to the municipality. Mr. Cartabona inquired if areas presently used for farming would still be farmed. Mr. McGreen said any current farm lease agreements would still be honored.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020 via WebEx, where deliberations will then take place.

There being no further business, Ms. Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ohristina Roberts

Administrative Clerk