

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
November 6, 2013**

**WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY  
TRUST FUND COMMITTEE**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue  
Oxford, New Jersey 07863

Members Present:	Sam Race David Smith Jim Watters Jean Smolha Nancy Miller	Charles Fineran Ellen Johnson Demeter Desiree Denker Todd Tersigni Michael Helbing
Members Absent:	Samir Elbassiouny	
Staff Present:	Corey Tierney, Sue Beall, and Teresa Kaminski	
Others Present:	Amy Hufnagel, Mary Renaud, Seth Cohen and Dr. Tim Fredericks for Rutherford Hall; Beth Barry, Chuck Gullage, and Cinny MacGonagle, for Musconetcong Watershed Association; Greg Socha and Dave DeSanto for The Trust for Public Land; Bob Canace, Carla Lee Lewis and Joel McGreen for Ridge and Valley Conservancy; Reverend Stephen Choi, Peggy Smith, Norman Smith, Cindy Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary, and Cathy Maguire for the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church; Ingrid Vandegaer, NJ Conservation Foundation; Richard Denker, Hoff Vannatta Farmstead and Michael Margulies and Claire for Eclectic Architecture.	

Chairman Fineran opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2013, were approved on a motion by Mr. Race, second by Mr. Watters. Motion approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

This evening's correspondence was from Pamela Miller of Oxford Colonial United Methodist Church inviting everyone to the Centennial Homecoming Weekend on November 16 and 17, and the rededication of the church after stabilization.

Chairman Fineran thanked everyone who had participated in this round for their ongoing assistance and cooperation. He especially thanked all of the volunteers which included members of the Committee and of the applicant groups.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None this evening.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Fineran explained that he does not like to call the Committee together for just one item of business particularly when it can be avoided ahead of time. He had been advised by Mr. Tierney that some applicants from 2011 with grant agreements about to expire in March may write requests for extensions of time of between six months and one year. He requested some one make a motion to give Mr. Tierney the authority to make the decision, based on valid requests, to recommend an extension of time to the Freeholders for an agreement due to expire prior to the next meeting. Mrs. Demeter made the motion, seconded by Mr. Helbing. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Fineran again spoke his thanks to all of the volunteers for participating. He then requested that a member of the Committee make a motion recommending that Hoff-Vannatta be awarded the full amount, \$120,000.00, requested in their application. Mrs. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Tersigni.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – Yes	Ms. Smolha – Yes
	Ms. Denker – Yes	Mr. Fineran – Yes
	Mrs. Miller – Yes	Mrs. Demeter – Yes
	Mr. Watters – Yes	Mr. Race – Yes
	Mr. Tersigni – Yes	Mr. Helbing – Yes

Mr. Fineran now stated that the Committee would move through the list of applicants, voting on whether or not to fund fully, partially or not at all.

The first applicant was Ridge & Valley Conservancy with Walnut Valley Fields. The vote was for full or no funding.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – P	Ms. Smolha – N
	Ms. Denker –N	Mr. Fineran – N
	Mrs. Miller – N	Mrs. Demeter – N
	Mr. Watters – N	Mr. Race – P
	Mr. Tersigni – N	Mr. Helbing –P

The next project was the Shabcong Mountain Preserve. The Committee voted to determine whether or not funding should be partial or no funding.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – P	Ms. Smolha – N
	Ms. Denker –N	Mr. Fineran – N
	Mrs. Miller – N	Mrs. Demeter – N
	Mr. Watters – N	Mr. Race – N
	Mr. Tersigni – N	Mr. Helbing –P

The Committee then moved on to the NJ Conservation Foundation project, Scott's Mountain. Discussion indicated that the Committee was ready to take a vote on partial or no funding.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – N	Ms. Smolha – P
	Ms. Denker –P	Mr. Fineran – N
	Mrs. Miller – P	Mrs. Demeter – N
	Mr. Watters – N	Mr. Race – P
	Mr. Tersigni – P	Mr. Helbing –P

Next the Committee voted on 60% funding for this project.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – Y	Ms. Smolha – Y
	Ms. Denker –Y	Mr. Fineran – N
	Mrs. Miller – Y	Mrs. Demeter – N
	Mr. Watters – N	Mr. Race – N
	Mr. Tersigni – Y	Mr. Helbing –Y

The Committee then voted for the Asbury Mill Stabilization/Partial Restoration. The question was for full or partial funding. Mr. Fineran recused himself from this vote due to active participation in the MWA.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – P	Ms. Smolha – P
	Ms. Denker –P	Mr. Fineran – A
	Mrs. Miller – P	Mrs. Demeter – P
	Mr. Watters – P	Mr. Race – P
	Mr. Tersigni – P	Mr. Helbing –P

Musconetcong Watershed Association did not give a revision of their application for 60%, instead they revised it to 70% of the total requested. Voting for the 70% revision followed.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – N	Ms. Smolha – Y
	Ms. Denker –Y	Mr. Fineran – A
	Mrs. Miller – Y	Mrs. Demeter – Y
	Mr. Watters – Y	Mr. Race – N
	Mr. Tersigni – Y	Mr. Helbing –N

Mr. Smith, Mr. Race and Mr. Helbing voted to fund 40% to MWA.

Discussion followed and the Committee voiced their opinions on which projects should receive full funding. Mr. Watters made a motion seconded by Mrs. Demeter to vote for final full funding for Stewartville Presbyterian Church, Still Valley Tunnel and Rutherford Hall. Mr. Fineran recused himself from voting on Rutherford Hall because of close affiliation.

Roll Call:	Mr. Smith – Yes	Ms. Smolha – Yes – No for Tunnel
	Ms. Denker – Yes	Mr. Fineran – Yes
	Mrs. Miller – Yes	Mrs. Demeter – Yes
	Mr. Watters – Yes	Mr. Race – Yes
	Mr. Tersigni – Yes	Mr. Helbing – Yes

The results of the Committee's deliberations are as follows:

Full funding recommendations:      Stewartsville Presbyterian Church  
Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead  
Rutherford Hall  
Still Valley Tunnel

Partial funding recommendation of 60% of original application:

Scott's Mountain

Partial funding recommendation of 70% of original application:

Asbury Grist Mill

No funding recommended to the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Walnut Fields – Ridge & Valley  
Shabecong Mountain – TPL

These recommendations left a balance of \$28,000.00 in the fund. The Committee voted unanimously to roll the balance over into next year's fund.

Mr. Fineran again thanked the Committee and the audience for their attendance and attention.

Mr. Tersigni thanked the Committee for agreeing to postpone the meeting from Monday evening to Wednesday so that he could participate.

Mrs. Barry from MWA thanked the Committee, as did Dr. Fredericks, Reverend Choi and Ms. Vandegaer. Mr. Margulies complimented the Committee on the handling of a most difficult job.

Mr. Watters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tersigni.

Mr. Fineran adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Beall, Clerk