

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2006**

The reorganization and regular meeting of the Township of Morris Open Space Committee was called to order on Thursday evening, January 19, 2006, at 7:30 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.

Roll Call of Committee Members and Professionals

Members Present

Robert Nace
Michael Brennan
Richard Watson
Joseph Calvanelli
Julie Baron

Members Absent

Rick Haan
William Claxton
James Allison

Also Present

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator
Barbara Henskis - Davis, Morris Land Conservancy
Marguerite Adams, Recreation Director
Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Also Absent

James R. Slate, Town Engineer
Tom Kenny, Special Project Coordinator

Mr. Richard Watson issued the following Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Open Space Committee of the Township of Morris was given as required and defined by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

“Written Notice was given on January 12, 2006 to the official newspaper, Daily Record, and to the additional newspapers, Star Ledger, and Morris News Bee by mail at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and a copy of the Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris and a copy of the Notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk’s Office and copies of this Notice were mailed to all persons who have requested individual notice, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19, all of which Notices were given at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and I hereby hand to the Committee Secretary a copy of the Notice which was given as above set forth for appropriate retention in the Municipal Files”.

Ms. Sonia Santiago administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of office to the following Members:

Mr. Richard Watson
Mr. Robert Nace

Ms. Baron moved, seconded by Mr. Calvanelli and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the September 22, 2005 regular and closed were approved as circulated and placed on file in the office of the Open Space Committee.

Mr. Watson asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson for the year 2006. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Mr. Calvanelli was elected Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Baron moved, seconded by Mr. Calvanelli, and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted designating the official newspapers.

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
MEETING DATES FOR 2006, JANUARY 2007**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-21 known as the "Open Public Meetings Act", requires adequate notice of meetings of public bodies, as therein defined, and in the manner therein set forth, and prescribed certain other procedures to be followed by such bodies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Open Space Committee of the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey, this 19th day of January 2006, as follows:

1. The Morris County Daily Record and the Morris News Bee (or as an alternate to Morris News Bee, the Star Ledger) are hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive notice of meetings as required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act, it appearing that said newspapers are most likely to inform the local public of such meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is authorized and directed to:

- a.) File a copy of said schedule with the Clerk of the Township of Morris.
- b.) Post said meeting schedule and maintain the same posted throughout the year 2006 on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal building of the Township of Morris located at 50 Woodland Avenue;
- c.) Mail a copy of same to the Morris County Daily Record, Morris News Bee, and Star Ledger newspapers.
- d.) Mail a copy of same to those persons, who may request such mailing, provided they comply with the regulations providing for the mailing of such notices set forth in item

2. Any person requesting copies of the meetings schedule or revisions thereof provided in N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 and advance written notice provided for in N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 shall make written application to the Secretary of the Open Space Committee. Accompanying said written application shall be a check or money order in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The Secretary of the Open Space Committee shall maintain a record of accounts for each person making written application and shall turn the monies over to the Treasurer of the Township of Morris for deposit. As each schedule, revised

schedule or advance written notice is mailed to the person requesting same, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be deducted in the record of his/her account as maintained by the Secretary of the Board.

3. At the end of the year, if any balance shall remain in the account of any person pursuant to the terms of this procedure then the Secretary of the Open Space Committee shall notify the Treasurer of the Township of Morris, who shall take the necessary steps to refund said balance, if at any time during the year the balance in the account of any person is reduced to zero, then a further deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be required prior to the mailing of any further schedules, revised schedules or notices. All requests for notices made pursuant to the terms of this procedure shall expire at midnight on December 31 of the year said request is made, but shall be subject to renewal upon a new request to the secretary. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require the payment of any fees by the news media.

Ms. Baron moved, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted setting meeting dates for the year 2006 and January 2007:

Meeting Dates for 2006 and January 2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Open Space Committee of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, will meet at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time, on each of the dates set forth below, for the year 2006, and January 2007, in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris, County of Morris, State of New Jersey:

January 19th, 2006 (Organization Meeting) 7:30 P.M.

March 16th

June 15th

September 21st

November 30th

January 25th, 2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional meetings, if required, will be at the call of the Chairperson with proper notification in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. (Open Public Meetings Act).

Communications and General Business

Mr. Watson stated that the Township Committee had introduced an Ordinance authorizing the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board Chairman to appoint someone from the Board to sit on the Open Space Committee. The goal is to maintain a quorum.

Ms. Davis-Heskin stated that the Doremus property survey will be completed by the end of the month. The Green Acres grant application deadline has been extended to April 14, 2006. They will only fund Towns that can prove that they need the funding. Morris Township is in good condition for this year. Green Acres will be taking away monies from towns that are not using their funds and allocating it to Towns that are in need of the funds. I recommend that the Township send a letter to Green Acres and apply for the funding. We have talked in the past about a potential trail plan. Rutgers University is interested. This will be a Spring Course for the students. The students will go out and walk the trails then place it on GPS format to lay over our maps and have an idea where the trails are. For the college students there is no cost, if the Conservancy do the work there will be cost associated with the project. Barbara will schedule a phone conference with the professor, Tom, Rick, Bob and Mr. Rossi to discuss the project.

Public Commentary – None to be heard.

Closed Session

Ms. Baron moved, seconded by Mr. Calvanelli, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted authorizing a closed session:

WHEREAS, this meeting is a duly and properly called regular meeting of this public body, and adequate public notice has been given as provided for by the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that this Open Space Committee consider matters involving:

- a. Material which if made public might impair the rights of privacy of any individual.

Which falls within the exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act and, therefore, is a matter, which this body determines, should be discussed at a closed meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Open Space Committee of the Township of Morris as follows:

1. That this body shall conduct a closed meeting concerning the above referenced matters, all of which involve exceptions set forth in said Open Public Meetings Act and are matters which this body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting, and this body is at this time unable to determine when the matters under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.

Regular meeting was called back to order at 9:03

There being no further business for consideration by the Township of Morris Open Space Committee, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Santiago
Secretary, Open Space Committee