

APPROVED

Garden State Preservation Trust **January Jan. 13 2010 Conference Call Meeting Minutes** **(with postscript Governor's Veto of Minutes Message)**

Executive Director Ralph Siegel explained to board members that while Jan Rosenfeld had been elected chair for 2010 during the January 5 Conference Call meeting, the results of that election do not take effect until the Governor's 14-day veto period expired on Jan. 19. As a result, 2009 Chairman Michael Murphy would convene the Conference Call meeting.

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Siegel read a statement certifying compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and then called the roll. Public members participating in the call were: Chairman Murphy, Vice-chairwoman Jan Rosenfeld, Ken Atkinson and Robert Hughey. The ex-officio member participating in the call was Susan Craft (for Agriculture Secretary Douglas H. Fisher).

Absent and not participating in the call were public member Andrew Buzby and ex-officio members Hans Goff (for State Treasurer R. David Rousseau), Deputy Commissioner John S. Watson Jr. (for Acting DEP Commissioner Mark Mauriello) and Donna Rendeiro (for Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner Charles A. Richman.)

RESOLUTION #10-006 TO AMEND IN WHOLE AND TO RESTATE **RESOLUTION #10-001 AND TO APPROVE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST** **HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

Chairman Murphy directed Mr. Siegel to explain the proposed resolution.

Mr. Siegel said the Garden State Preservation Trust on January 5 voted 8-0 to pass Resolution #10-001 approving the New Jersey Historic Trust's recommendation of 38 Historic Site Management grants totaling \$1,279,941. The list attached to the resolution detailed the 38 grants, naming the recipients, their locations, the name of their projects and the specific sum of the grants, ranging from \$12,413 to the maximum of \$50,000.

Mr. Siegel said this vote had to be redone because the grant list contained many errors. He said the grand total, \$1,279,941, was correct, but that 34 of the 38 individual grants had incorrect sums. He said this error was reviewed with the GSPT's representative from the Attorney General's office, and while the total sum impact on the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund was unchanged, the errors in the individual grant amounts could not be disregarded.

Mr. Siegel briefly reviewed the status of funds available for these grants. He said the June 30, 2009 balance of unallocated funds was \$897,000. Mr. Siegel said the board had agreed at the January 5 meeting that interest earnings during Fiscal Year 2010 can be expected to increase the funds by about \$400,000. This added money would be in place by the time the appropriations bill could get through the Legislature and be signed into law by Gov. Christie, and would be sufficient to fund the \$1.3 million in grants.

Prompted by a question from a board member, Mr. Siegel said the availability of funds was contingent on the fact that the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund was not also being used to pay for the New Jersey Historic Trust's administrative costs in Fiscal Year 2010. Mr. Siegel said it was his understanding the administrative costs for Fiscal Year 2010 were not coming from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Debbie Kelly, chairwoman of the New Jersey Historic Trust, was the only representative of the Historic Trust on the call. Ms. Kelly confirmed the administrative funds for Fiscal Year 2010 were being drawn "from the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) budget."

Resolution #10-006 was moved by Chairman Murphy
Seconded by Ms. Rosenfeld
Approved 5-0.

SUBSTANTIAL APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Mr. Siegel asked for a motion for substantial approval of the January 13, 2010, meeting action so the minutes of the action could be forwarded to the Governor's office immediately.

Moved by Ms. Rosenfeld
Seconded by Ms. Craft
Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Murphy moved to adjourn the conference call meeting.

Moved by Chairman Murphy
Seconded by Ms. Craft
Approved 5-0.

Others participating in the conference call:
Maura Tully, Governor's Counsel, Authorities Unit
Debra Kelly, chairwoman, New Jersey Historic Trust

Others attending the meeting at the GSPT's 135 West Hanover Street office:
GSPT DAG Cliff Rones

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POSTSCRIPT TO MINUTES – GOVERNOR’S VETO

On January 27, 2010, Gov. Chris Christie send Executive Director Ralph Siegel the following veto message:

“I have reviewed the minutes of the January 13, 2010, meeting of the Garden State Preservation Trust. In accordance with the authorization contained in NJSA 13:8C-4(i), I hereby return the minutes with a veto of the action taken at the January 13, 2010 meeting by Trust with respect to the approval of the New Jersey Historic Trust Site Management Grants for Fiscal year 2010. Additional information is needed to determine whether the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund contains sufficient unallocated funds to support the \$1,279,941 in matching grants awarded by the Trust.”

A facsimile of the entire letter is attached to this minutes document.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Siegel
executive director/board secretary
March 24, 2010



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CHRIS CHRISTIE
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January 27, 2010

Mr. Ralph Siegel
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RE: Minutes of the Garden State Preservation Trust
January 13, 2010 Meeting

Dear Mr. Siegel:

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No veto power is exercised as to any other action taken by the Trust at its meeting on January 13, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie
Governor

c. Jan Rosenfeld, Chair
Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit