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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: September 9, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Scott, David Niemotko, John Tracy, John Strobl, Ed Garling, Ralph Maffei, Ben Astorino

BOARD SUPPORT: Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

GUESTS: *David Church (OC Planning), Ron Jurain (Town of Blooming Grove Planning Board Chairman)*

MOTIONS:

To accept the July meeting minutes. Ben Astorino motioned, Ralph Maffei seconded and it passed unanimously.

The fifth board Meeting of 2019 opened with the passing of the July meeting minutes. Ben Astorino motioned to accept the minutes, Ralph Maffei seconded and it passed unanimously.

Ron Jurain was a guest at the meeting and is a possible prospect OCMPF board member. Ron currently is the Town of Blooming Grove Planning Board Chairman.

A major portion of the meeting was spent deliberating and amending the 2020 scholarship. After much discussion, David Niemotko made a motion to make attendance mandatory in order to fully accept the scholarship. The application will have these terms added to it, and the date of the July Association of Towns and Villages meeting. It was asked that Carrie email the board a revised scholarship application so any possible further changes could be presented at the October meeting.

The meeting moved on to discuss the 2019 Support Staff course which is scheduled for September 13, 2019. Carrie provided a brief follow up to the details regarding the amount of attendees who had registered, topics to be discussed and the layout of Houghton Hall at the Harness Racing Museum.

An update was then provided in regards to the 2019 annual dinner. Bob Scott provided a follow up from the July meeting where it was decided to have both George Sewitt and Maire Ullrich present on the topic of the hemp industry in Orange County. Carrie then presented the 2019 invitation for approval and permission for it to be emailed to possible attendees. Ralph Maffei made a motion to accept the invite as is and David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting continued with a discussion concerning the fall courses. With Orange and Rockland only needing the morning portion for their presentation, the board was tasked with finding an afternoon presenter. Dave Church offered to provide a course on source water protection. It was agreed by the board to end the full day course with this suggestion. Carrie would follow up with Faith in regards to Carla Castillo presenting on November 6th and the final evening course will be completed by Laura Barca

discussing storm water. With time passing quickly, Carrie requested for the brochure to be approved via email prior to being sent to possible attendees. Ben Astorino made the motion to have the brochure approved electronically, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was to discuss the bylaws, more particularly the regulations on holding quorum. Bob Scott and David Niemotko were not in favor of lowering the quorum number. It was mentioned by John Tracy to possibly allow electronic attendance via Skype or other programs for those who cannot make the meeting physically. It was asked to add this topic to the November agenda to discuss further, but at this time quorum is to continue at 5 members in physical attendance.

Ralph Maffei then motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:25 PM, John Tracy seconded and it passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, October 7th: | OCMPF Meeting |
| Friday, October 18 th : | Annual Dinner (Delancey's) |
| Friday, November 1 st : | OCMPF Full Day Course |
| Monday, November 4th: | OCMPF Meeting |
| Wednesday, November 6 th : | OCMPF Evening Course |
| Thursday, November 14 th : | OCMPF Evening Course |