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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: June 1, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Scott, John Tracy, Jean Schultz, John Strobl, David Niemotko, Faith Moore

BOARD SUPPORT: Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

GUESTS:

MOTIONS:

To accept the February meeting summary. John Strobl motioned, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.

The third Board Meeting of 2020, and the first virtually held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, opened with the passing of the February meeting summary. John Strobl motioned to accept the summary, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting moved on with Carrie providing details on 2019 financials. Carrie also briefed the OCMPPF board on all the scheduled meetings that were cancelled due to the pandemic, and the webinar opportunities that she forwards to all possible attendees to assist municipality board members with receiving the necessary education credits.

The meeting continued with the 2020 scholarship and internship. Due to the current health situation, the Orange County Planning Department could no longer facilitate an intern, and with the cancellation of income bringing courses, decisions for both awards had to be made. Several ideas were brought to the table on how to move forward. John Strobl proposed to offer each senior who applied for the scholarship, \$1,000.00 with the waiving of the intern. Faith Moore proposed choosing a winner amongst the intern applicants to receive a partial award. David Niemotko mentioned the possibility of donating to organizations in the County to assist getting the Board's name and purpose out to the public. John Strobl further stated an intern could be chosen, to then work on a CAD program to help map bike trails throughout the County. David Niemotko responded that although it was a fantastic idea, it would be difficult to facilitate as they would need to be supervised and he unfortunately was unable to take on such a task at the time. Once all options were fully discussed, David Niemotko made the motion to choose a scholarship winner and provide the usual \$1,000.00 award, provide a partial gift to the individual who would have been chosen for the internship, and save funds to be donated in the future. Faith Moore seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Carrie had electronically provided all scholarship applications received for the boards review prior to the meeting, and Jonathan Gagnon was decided to be the 2020 recipient. The task of choosing the recipient was a difficult choice to make as all applicants provided impressive GPA's and recommendation letters. Bob Scott suggested a letter to

be crafted to be sent to all the scholarship applicants to thank them for their interest and wish them the best in their future. He asked the board to each send an idea to Carrie to then have the letter compiled. Furthermore, the once mandatory attendance at the July Association of Towns and Villages meeting was waived. The motion to do so was made by John Tracy, seconded by Jean Schultz and then passed unanimously.

David Niemotko then motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:58 PM, Jean Schultz seconded and it passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates to Remember:

Monday, July 6th: Board Meeting

Monday, August 3rd: Board Meeting

Monday, September (TBD) Board Meeting