



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2019-0440

Resolution Authorizing the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. to Lease, License, Rent or Otherwise Permit the Use of the Farmstead Property for Classes, Programs, Events and Meetings Consistent with the Purpose of a Lease Agreement with Gretchen Thomas to Use Space Solely as artist studio

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards owns the real property identified as Block 8401, Lot 23 (formally known as Block 185, Lot 20.03), consisting of approximately 4.397± acres, and located at 450 King George Road in the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property contains an "English Barn," "Farm House," Wagon House," "Cow Shed," and other ancillary structures, which are on the New Jersey Historic Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. ("Friends") entered into Lease Agreement C1775-1, dated March 29, 2005, for the Property (the "Lease"), which was thereafter amended to increase the term of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2 and 3 of the Lease provide that Friends may provide access to Township residents for meetings and other appropriate events, provide alternate uses, and sublet or assign any interests in the Lease, subject to the prior written approval of the Township; and

WHEREAS, by email dated October 23, 2019 the Friends requested approval to permit a lease agreement with Gretchen Thomas for use of space solely as an artist studio; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the proposed non-exclusive license agreement and finds it consistent with public purposes of the Lease and Mission and Vision of the Friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset and State of NJ, that the Township of Bernards hereby grants authorization to the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc., to enter into a non-exclusive lease agreement with Gretchen Thomas, 80 Mountainview Road, Warren, NJ 07059, from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township hereby explicitly reserves the right to revoke the authorization herein granted to Friends at its sole discretion.

Agenda and Date Voted: 10/29/2019

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 10/29/2019.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

Explanatory Statement
License renewal for Gretchen Thomas at KMS Farmstead
Thank you, Ann Rosenblum, President
Dated: 10/23/2019