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### Morristown Partnership Announces Election of Five Board Members

**MORRISTOWN, NJ** – May 12, 2021. The Morristown Partnership Board of Trustees met today and are pleased to announce the election of 1 new Board Member, as well as the re-election of 4 incumbent Board Members to serve a three-year term that began May 1, 2021 and ends April 30, 2024. Each member is an integral part of the organization and pledges to support the nonprofit's work for the benefit of the downtown Morristown's business community.

Board Members that began their three-year terms with Morristown Partnership effective May 1, 2021 are:

- **Jeff Babcock**, Hyatt Regency Morristown (Incumbent)
- **Nestor Bedoya**, Chef Fredy's Table (Incumbent)
- **Ben (Biagio) Scotto**, Villa Restaurant Group (Incumbent)
- **John Walsh**, The Wealth Advisory Group, LLC (Incumbent)
- **Michael Witko**, Chilmark Real Estate Services, LLC (NEW in 2021)

"I am thrilled to have been elected by the business and property owners within Morristown to become a member of the distinguished Board of Trustees. The long-term stability and vibrancy of Morristown's commercial district is very important to me and I look forward to contributing to that ongoing effort via this elected position" says new Board Member **Michael Witko, Founding Member of Chilmark Real Estate Services, LLC.**

The Morristown Partnership is a Special Improvement District established in 1994 to support downtown Morristown through economic development initiatives in areas of redevelopment, business recruitment and retention, marketing, events and capital improvements. The organization is perhaps most well-known for their highly regarded annual events including **Morristown Restaurant Week, Morristown Farmers Market, Meet Me in Morristown, Morristown Festival on the Green, Halloween Trick-or-Treat** and the year-end **Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green**. As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic in 2020, the Morristown Partnership developed and executed the **Morristown Partnership Commercial Rent Relief Grant Program**. Initiated by a local couple with deep roots in Morristown, as well as additional generous donors it provided funding for 62 businesses, all that applied, to be granted 3 months rent after a 20% rent reduction agreed upon by contributing property owners/landlords. The total amount distributed by the Grant Program exceeded \$660,000. Also notable are sales of **Morristown Partnership Gift Certificates** which are able to be used at nearly 200 businesses in downtown Morristown. Purchasers benefit from a \$10 free promotional gift certificate, underwritten by the Morristown Partnership, for every \$50 purchase (up to \$500) amounting to a 20% supplement of free money provided to shoppers that will go into Morristown downtown business cash registers.

For more information about the Morristown Partnership, please visit our website at [www.morristown-nj.org/mrm](http://www.morristown-nj.org/mrm) or call (973) 455-1133.

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*Morristown Partnership is a Special Improvement District (SID) created in 1994, designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It supports Morristown's vibrant business district by developing private/public partnerships among business, government, civic and community members. It is self-funded partly through special assessments on commercial properties located in the SID, foundation and/or government grants, promotional participation, sponsorships for community events and financial & in-kind donations.*

*The Morristown Partnership consists of more than 400 commercial properties and 1,000+ businesses physically located in the SID. If you would like more information on the Morristown Partnership, please visit the website at [www.morristown-nj.org](http://www.morristown-nj.org) or call at (973) 455-1133 for business opportunities, as well as commercial space for lease and sale, in downtown Morristown.*

*Follow the Morristown Partnership on Instagram @downtownmorristown and Facebook @MorristownPartnership throughout the year for developing news related to special promotions, new businesses and information on all we do including: Morristown Partnership Gift Certificate Program, Morristown Restaurant Week, Meet Me in Morristown, Morristown Farmers Market, Morristown Festival on the Green, Halloween Trick-or-Treat and our month-long Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green.*

