

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**OPEN MEETING:**

Mr. Pfeiffer called the regular meeting of the Harding Open Space Trust Committee to order at 8:00 p.m. and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**HOST Attendance:** Ms. Devine, Mr. Dietz, Mr. Novotny, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Somers, and Mr. Weppler

**Excused Absence:** Mr. Jones; Mr. Platt; and Mr. Sovolos

**Township Attendance:** Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

**Members of the Public:** None

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**MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2019:**

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments or changes with regards to the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Weppler, seconded by Mrs. Divine, Mrs. Somers abstained, and with a votes of all ayes, none opposed, the HOST meeting minutes for June 12, 2019, were accepted.

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**HOST UPDATES:**

The HOST Committee conducted a site visit of the Dear property on July 11, 2019 from 7 pm to 7:50 p.m. Upon return from the site visit, a discussion ensued regarding the walk through of the property. A copy of the Dear survey was placed on the overhead projection for discussion purposes.

**Dear Management Plan** -- A discussion regarding the dear management plans ensue. It was recommend that lot 2.02 be mowed once a year and that lot 2.01 be mowed two times a year. Lot 2.01 is above the flood line.

The following items were discussed:

- \* Mow closest to brook
- \* Mow to keep invasives down (July and October)
- \* Mow people path at beginning of season (July) and then later in the season (October)
- \* Mow path – do a loop – in/out
- \* Signage that states stay out of field – bird habitat
- \* Costs – Need quotes
- \* Fence – revisit this discussion
- \* Benches – placed near the stream

Mr. Weppler will prepare the management plan for review at the August 14<sup>th</sup> HOST meeting.

**Boundary Markers** – Mr. Weppler showed several pictures of markers on the overhead projection. A discussion ensued regarding the following two types of markers: 4 ft. x 6 ft. high post, Fiberglass board – 1 to 2 inches thick (this type of marker is used at Primrose). Mr. Dietz passed out information from the Planning Board with regard to conservation easement markers which are 4 x 4 posts. Mr. Novotny mentioned using GPS coordinates. Need

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locations to use GPS. Mrs. Somers recommended getting an intern to do the GPS coordinates. Mrs. Devine mentioned using metal signs or stakes.

Mrs. Somers and the HOST committee recommend that HOST bring to the Township Committee, for their decision, a recommendation for markers as follows:

- \* GPS with coordinates
- \* Concrete markers
- \* Posts
- \* Metal Signs
- \* Stakes

**Management Plans** – Mr. Wepler prepared four management plans for Margetts Field, Rossell, Scudder, and Frelinghusen 1. Mr. Wepler mentioned that Lakeview which is 1.14 acres abuts Rossell is considered part of Rossell. Mr. Wepler asked all HOST members to review the plans for review and approval at the August meeting. . Wepler had a listing of Harding Open Space Properties and the HOST committee went through each property as follows:

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**OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE HOST AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:**

With no persons present and no further business a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:50 pm was made by Mr. Wepler and seconded by Mr. Novotny.

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**ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Pfeiffer**

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:50 pm. Upon return to open session at 8:59 p.m., and with no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wepler, seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer, and with all members in unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee