

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021
21 BLUE MILL ROAD, NEW VERNON, NJ 07976**

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OPEN MEETING:

Chairman Pfeiffer opened the February 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Harding Open Space Trust Committee to order at 7:35 p.m. and announced the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

HOST Attendance: Mr. Bjorkedal (GoToMeeting), Ms. Chipperson (In Person), Ms. Devine, (GoToMeeting), Mr. Jones (In Person), Mr. Novotny (GoToMeeting), Mr. Pfeiffer (GoToMeeting), Mrs. Riley (GoToMeeting), Mrs. Somers (In Person) and Mr. Wepler (GoToMeeting)

Excused Absence: None

Township Attendance: Mrs. Sharp, Secretary (In Person)

Public Attendance: 1

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: JANUARY 13, 2021:

January 13, 2021 Minutes:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Wepler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novotny, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the January 13, 2021 minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

163 Lee's Hill Road:

A discussion ensued regarding the house and if it could be auctioned, donated, or used as a Group home.

Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion:

Mr. Jones provided an update from the January 28, 2021 public hearing for the Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion meeting. Mr. Bjorkedal commented that it is good to see the support for the direction this is going in. All comments received have been sent to Greener By Design for compilation. Mr. Bjorkedal commented if any comments came in from the public hearing regarding the Gatehouse. There

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were no comments regarding the Gatehouse. A meeting with the County was held this past week to discuss the future requirements. Four (4) public hearings are required and Barbara Murray from Morris County is in support that they can occur by July 2021.

NJDOT Property:

A discussion ensued regarding the NJDOT property. The Township is awaiting the signed contract from the Attorney General. Ms. Devine reported this property will require maintenance as it is heavily forested. This is another recreational site which has access parking and would be good for a trail.

HOST 2021 Budget:

A discussion ensued regarding the 2021 budget for HOST, the following items were discussed:

- The increased in expenses for Glen Alpin
- Interest payments for Glen Alpin
- 2020 Acquisitions: Culbertson and NJDOT Property
- The expenses for maintenance of HOST properties; Dear, VonZuben, Gatehouse project, Bayne Park, Tennis Courts, etc.
- Is the DOT property a HOST purchase?

Mr. Jones commented he will speak with the Finance Department regarding the above items.

Simon Property:

Mr. Jones commented that there is no update regarding the Simon property. Ms. Somers commented that this property is part of the Green Brook Greenway.

New Business:

Margetts Field:

A discussion ensued regarding placing a trail around the perimeter of Margetts Field.

Trails:

A discussion ensued regarding reviewing properties that trails can be developed on. It was suggested that the HOST Committee review a map at the March meeting to look at connections for the Route 202 side of town. Mr. Jones will speak with the Zoning Officer regarding a map that could be used for HOST's March meeting.

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

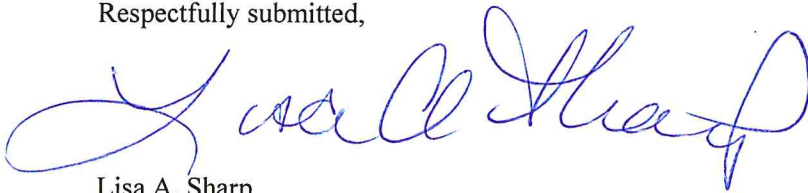
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Mr. Hal Scaff III, Lee's Hill Road commented that he sent a email to the Committee on January 14, 2021 which provided some history on 163 Lee's Hill. Mr. Scaff III complimented the HOST Committee on their work and looks forward to the next several months. Mr. Scaff III commented on working with Mr. Pfeiffer on the dams in town and mentioned that the most scenic plan in Harding is where Mr. Pfeiffer lives.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jones and Mr. Wepler. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee