

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

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**Meeting Minutes**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Chairman Pfeiffer opened the March 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

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: FEBRUARY 10, 2021:**

***February 10, 2021 Minutes:***

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the February 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Wepler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the February 10, 2021 minutes were accepted.

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**HOST UPDATES:**

***Margett's Field:***

Mrs. Sharp informed the HOST Committee that Mr. Johnston contacted her regarding spraying Margett's Field around April 2021. The fee will be the same as previous years, \$2,800.00. A discussion ensued. The Committee asked that the following questions be asked of Mr. Johnston regarding Margett's Field:

- *Status of Invasives.*
- *Use the minimum amount of treatment on the field.*
- *If a new soil analysis was conducted, please submit a copy.*

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- *Provide a report back to HOST after treatment.*
- *What treatment is used on the field.*

Mrs. Sharp commented that she will send an email to Mr. Johnston with the above comments. Mr. Weppler made a motion to accept the \$2,800.00 to spray Margetts Field, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a voice vote of all ayes, none opposed, the motion was accepted.

*Possible Trails – Reviewed on Nearmap:*

Mrs. Sharp shared the screen so all members of HOST could view Nearmap and the section around the KRE property for possible trail locations. The property adjacent to the KRE property is owned by the Office Building and is used for the stormwater management plan. After much discussion, it was determined that a walking path around this section is not feasible at this time.

*Glen Alpin Area Trail*

Mr. Jones commented that there is a line access across the Glen Alpin property, a trail could be built down to the intersection and have a cross walk put in with a trail going down the Glen Alpin Road. Mr. Jones commented that with the intersection being re-engineered with crosswalk technology and timed lights, a discussion with Mr. Vitz regarding trails at this section has already been discussed. Mr. Jones mentioned that the Redevelopment Plan encompasses trails around the Glen Alpin complex. A discussion regarding placing a walking path to showcase about three to six historic kiosks has been discussed with Morris County. This will encompass providing walking posts that lists historic information regarding the graves, the slaves quarters, Mr. Kemble's marker, etc. A discussion ensued.

*Trail Along Goose Down Drive:*

A discussion ensued regarding placing a trail or walking path down Goose Down Drive which could lead to the Great Swamp and possibly to Primrose Preserves. Mrs. Devine mentioned placing a trail at Anderson Woods. Lot 11, 13, 6 and 22 looked good for a trail. It was suggested to see who the property owners are for these lots. Another property along that line is owned by DOT. It was recommended to see if the Township could received support from NJDOT with regard to walking trails or possible easement.

Mrs. Devine recommended the following as a preliminary plan to go forward:

- A site visit/walk down Goose Down Drive
- Trail down Goose Down Drive or trail off the road
- Crosswalk necessary to walk across Glen Alpin
- Make intersection at Glen Alpin pedestrian friendly
- Get support from the National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife, and Jockey Hollow

A further discussion ensued regarding the above areas.

*163 Lee's Hill Road:*

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Mr. Jones commented that the Township Attorney has informed us that since 163 Lee's Hill was purchase with open space funds, the house cannot be donated or auctioned. Mr. Jones explained that one of the sheds will be used by DPW, the appliances will be used, and the property will have Township rules and polices to follow. The house will be demolished in the near furture. A discussion ensued regarding donating the property to the Great Swamp. Mr. Pfeiffer responded the Great Swamp has very different rules then the Township. Mr. Pfeiffer commented that the Township should keep the property.

*Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion:*

Mr. Jones explained that the Morris County public hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

*NJDOT Property:*

Mr. Jones commented that the NJDOT property being purchased is not open space but it is part of the Glen Alpin Diversion/Disposal.

*Appleton Property:*

A comment was made if boundary markers will be placed at this property. Mr. Jones commented this property will have markers. It was suggested that a site visit be conducted at this property to review and make suggestions.

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

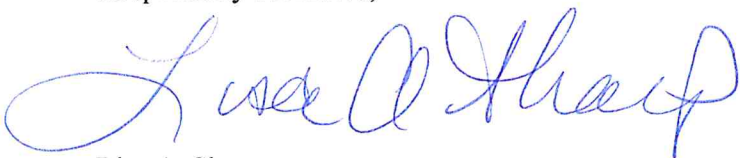
*Easement Policy* – Mr. Bjorkedal provided the Harding Land Trust Easement Policy to all members of HOST to review. Mr. Bjorkedal explained that HOST should review Sections 5 and 6 and then set HOST's own standard for enforcement. This will be placed on the April HOST meeting to review further.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Riley and Mr. Wepler. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee