

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
21 BLUE MILL ROAD, NEW VERNON, NJ 07976**

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

OPEN MEETING:

Secretary Sharp opened the reorganization 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. Mrs. Sharp welcomed and introduced Mr. Rosato and Mr. Gandy to the Open Space Trust Committee. Secretary Sharp called the roll as follows:

HOST Attendance: Ms. Chipperson, Mr. DeNave, Mr. Gandy, Mr. Jones, Mr. Novotny, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Rosato, and Ms. Somers

Excused Absence: Ms. Devine, and Mr. Weppler

Township Attendance: Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

Public Attendance: None

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Chair:

Secretary Sharp opened the meeting to accept nominations for the office of Chair of HOST for 2023. Mr. DeNave made a motion to nominate Mr. Pfeiffer for Chair of HOST and Mrs. Somers seconded the motion. Secretary Sharp asked if there were any further nominations for Chair. With no further nominations, Secretary Sharp closed the nominations with a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. DeNave. Upon a vote of all ayes none opposed the nominations for Chair were closed.

Secretary Sharp asked for a motion to accept Mr. Pfeiffer as Chair of HOST. Upon a motion to elect Mr. Pfeiffer as Chair of HOST by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mr. Jones, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, none opposed, Mr. Pfeiffer was accepted as Chair.

Vice Chair:

Secretary Sharp asked for nominations for Vice Chair of HOST. Ms. Somers nominated Mr. Weppler as Vice Chair, and Mr. Pfeiffer seconded the nomination. Secretary Sharp asked if there were any further nominations for Vice Chair. With no further nominations, Secretary Sharp closed the nominations with a motion made by Mr. DeNave and seconded by Mr. Gandy. Upon a vote of all ayes, none opposed, nominations for Vice Chair were closed.

Secretary Sharp asked for a motion to accept Mr. Weppler as Vice Chair of HOST. Upon a motion to elect Mr. Weppler as Vice Chair of HOST by Mr. Pfeiffer, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, none opposed, Mr. Weppler was accepted as Vice Chair.

Mrs. Sharp turned the meeting over to Mr. Pfeiffer, Chairman at 7:50 pm.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Pfeiffer opened the meeting by announcing adequate notice of this January 11, 2023 HOST meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: OCTOBER 19, 2022 & DECEMBER 14, 2022:

October 19, 2022:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had any questions or comments with regard to the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted.

December 14, 2022 Minutes:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the December 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the December 14, 2022 amended meeting minutes were accepted.

HOST RESOLUTION #01-2023 – MEETING DATES:

Mr. Pfeiffer explained the meeting dates are currently the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Secretary Sharp asked if the members of HOST would like the meetings to continue the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. The consensus of HOST was to keep the meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Mr. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the meeting dates. With no comments a motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Somers to accept the meeting dates for the Open Space Trust Committee for 2023. With a roll call of all ayes, none opposed, Resolution #01-2023 pertaining to HOST's meeting dates for 2023 was accepted. A copy of HOST Resolution #01-2022 is appended to these minutes.

HOST UPDATES:

Mr. Pfeiffer provided a brief update about Harding Open Space Committee for the new members on the Committee.

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Gatehouse:

Mr. Rosato provided a brief update on the Gatehouse project and reported that a new bridge has been installed covering the waterway. The bridge was purchased in section and built by member of the Harding Land Trust. A brief discussion on the Gatehouse trail project ensued.

Waterman:

Mrs. Sharp reported that the Harding Land Trust provided information to conduct maintenance work at the Waterman property. Mr. Jim Fennimore provided a proposal to clean the roadside and understory of the trees for \$6,700. The Township Administrator approved this maintenance work for 2023 and Harding Township's portion of the work amounts to \$3,350. The project should commence in January 2023. A brief discussion on the Waterman property ensued.

HOST Fund Balance:

Mr. Jones reported that the HOST ending fund balance for 2022 was \$712,773.00. The properties that were purchased in 2022 were Appleton #2, and the Simon Easements. T. Jones reported that the HOST tax and interest for 2023 is projected to be \$847,002. V. DeNave reported that the money is raised by the Open Space tax. A discussion of the fund balance ensued.

Glen Alpin:

Mr. Jones reported once the sale of Glen Alpin goes through, the monies of the sale will take care of the debt service for Culbertson and the County portion of Glen Alpin. Mr. Pfeiffer mentioned that the 10% for Glen Alpin obligated disbursement should disappear.

Tunis Ellick's House:

V. DeNave provided an update on the Tunis Ellick's House. The windows are being replaced, the doors will be replaced, a significant amount of the wood is being replaced, along with painting.

T. Jones reported that financially the Township is in good shape.

Morris County Target Farms:

T. Jones provided a copy of the Morris County targeted farm preservation inventory to each member of HOST. T. Jones explained that Morris County takes the largest property with no easements on it and targets that property. These properties are actively farmed. A discussion of the Harding Township properties on the list ensued.

Affordable Housing:

V. DeNave reported that the Township is meeting regularly with the Affordable Housing attorneys. A discussion on Group Homes, stewardship, and waterways ensued. V. DeNave explained the Township looks at lots to see different uses such as trails and paths that can be connected to.

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NJ Highlands Coalition Interactive Map:

V. DeNanve mentioned that the Highlands has created this interactive map. Each member should look at their map to see if Harding Township can utilize their map to create a map for Harding. A discussion on what HOST would like to see on a map for Harding ensued. Some examples discussed for the map are as follows:

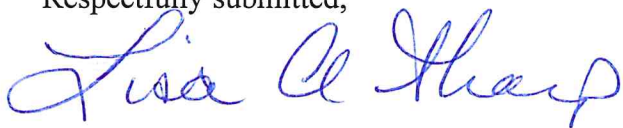
- Open Water
- Roads
- Municipal Properties
- GIS Coordinates
- Inventory of Trees
- Trails/Bridges/Paths

Management Plans:

T. Jones will contact Ms. Bologna regarding the status of the proposal to provide management plans for Culbertson, DOT Property, 163 Lee's Hill, Appleton #1 and Appleton #2.

With no further comments, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Jones and seconded by R. Chipperson. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Township Open Space Committee

RESOLUTION #01-2023
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST) COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 11, 2023
MEETING SCHEDULE
OF THE HARDING TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TRUST COMMITTEE
FOR JANUARY 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Open Space Trust (HOST) Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that public meetings of the HOST Committee shall be held In-Person during 2023 at Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road in New Vernon in said Township at 7:30 p.m. as follows:

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| February 8 | July 12 |
| March 8 | August 9 |
| April 12 | September 13 |
| May 10 | October 11 |
| June 14 | November 14 |
| | December 13 |
| | January 10, 2024 - Reorganization |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above schedule and any revision thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board in Kirby Hall and mailed to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record, and upon prepayment of mailing and processing costs, to all persons requesting copies of such schedule or any revision thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*.

DATED: January 11, 2023

I, Lisa A. Sharp, HOST Secretary of the Open Space Trust Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the HOST Committee at the reorganization meeting held on January 11, 2023.



Lisa A. Sharp
HOST Secretary