

HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
21 BLUE MILL ROAD, NEW VERNON, NJ 07976

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Pfeiffer opened the meeting at 7:30 pm by announcing adequate notice of this February 8, 2023, HOST meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Excused Absence: Ms. Devine and Mr. Wepler

Township Attendance: Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

Public Attendance: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: JANUARY 11, 2023:

January 11, 2023 Minutes:

L. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the January 11, 2023 HOST minutes. With no comments L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to accept the January 11, 2023 HOST minutes. Upon a motion made by J. Somers, seconded by J. Novotny, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the January 11, 2023, HOST minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Management Plan Proposal

T. Jones reported that Tina Bologna sent a proposal to conduct five management plans. T. Jones explained that T. Bologna could not attend the February HOST meeting but could attend the March meeting. At the March meeting, T. Bologna will explain what encompasses the fees associated with each property.

Primrose Management Plan Example

T. Jones reported that a copy of the Harding Land Trust Primrose Management Plan was provided to each HOST member to review to see if the DOT property should be integrated into the Primrose Management Plan that would complement the plan. T. Jones asked L. Sharp to email a copy of the Harding Township Primrose Management Plan to review before the March meeting.

Let the record show that J. Novotny left the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Margetts Field Barrier

V. DeNave reported that Mr. Toribio, DPW Director informed V. DeNave that there is a concern with people driving on Margetts Field. Mr. Toribio explained that people turn into the stone area and are creating a turnaround. A suggestion was to square off the parking lot and place large stones or install a split rail fence. V. DeNave explained that Mr. Toribio mentioned that cars are leaving ruts in the field which require repair. A discussion ensued. The consensus of the HOST committee was not to place large stones or install a split rail fence. A recommendation was to have V. DeNave walk the site with Mr. Toribio and present the finds at the next HOST meeting.

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

Morris County Planning and Preservation Open Space Spreadsheets

T. Jones explained that the Township Administrator asked for HOST to review the spreadsheets and provide comments and changes. The HOST Committee reviewed the spreadsheets and mentioned that the following properties would need to be added to the spreadsheet:

- Appleton 1
- Appleton 2
- Culbertson
- DOT Property
- 163 Lee's Hill Road
- Dear 1 / 2

T. Jones asked L. Sharp to see if Mr. Falzarano could as the Township Attorney about adding the above properties to the ROSI. T. Jones commented that Glen Alpin should list just the 6 acres that have a conservation easement and that the Gatehouse should list Harding Land Trust as owners and as managed by. L. Pfeiffer commented that the Cutler property was sold. L. Sharp will complete the edits on the excel spreadsheet.

Wish List Properties

L. Pfeiffer discussed several of the properties currently on the HOST wish list of properties. It was suggested that T. Jones speak with the owner of Burke's Meadow and L. Pfeiffer will have a conversation with the owner of the property that backs up to the Appleton properties. A discussion ensued on several other properties: L. Pfeiffer suggested that in the Spring all HOST members conduct a walk-through of several HOST properties and suggested the new members should drive by several of the properties and take a photograph.

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Mapping

R. Chipperson asked for an update on the mapping from the January 2023 meeting. V. DeNave commented that we are using the County Maps and the Highlands Mapping to come up with a map for Harding Township. This project is still in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by T. Jones, seconded by K. Gandy, with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee