

HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 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 July 12, 2023, HOST meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Excused Absence: Mrs. Chipperson

Township Attendance: Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

Public Attendance: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: APRIL 12, 2023:

April 12, 2023 Minutes:

L. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the April 12, 2023 HOST minutes. A motion to accept the April 12, 2023 minutes was made by L. Wepler, seconded by T. Jones, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Open Space Property Site Visits

L. Pfeiffer reported that the property site visits went well and mentioned that this should be done once a year going forward. T. Jones commented that it took about three (3) hours to review several properties which worked out well.

Properties to be Included on the Rosi

L. Sharp reported that Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator is working with the Township Attorney to place properties that were purchased with open space funds on the ROSI but would like the HOST Committee to review the properties to ensure they should be on the ROSI. A discussion ensued on the properties currently listed on the ROSI. The HOST Committee reviewed the current ROSI and recommended the following properties be added:

- Glen Alpin should be amended to 100% owned by HT
- Gatehouse should be removed as it is owned by the HLT

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- 163 Lee's Hill Road
- Appleton 1 – 538 Van Buren Road
- Appleton 2 – 528 Van Buren Road
- Culbertson – 140 Blue Mill Road – this was a diversion property
- DOT – Parcel B, Route 287, Section 8 – this was a diversion property
- Dear 1 – 174 Blue Mill Road
- Dear 2 – 174 Blue Mill Road

Management Plan Objectives Update

L Sharp, Secretary reported that she sent an email to T. Bologna for an update as the HOST Committee was meeting on July 12, 2023. T. Bologna stated “she is almost finished with both Appleton reports and will commence on Culbertson the week of July 17, 2023. Once the drafts on all three properties are ready, T. Bologna would like to meet with HOST to go over the management objectives. T. Bologna mentioned she plans to start on 163 Lee's Hill after the Appleton and Culbertson reports are finalized. T. Bologna mentioned that she spent some time on the DOT property in June but was not satisfied that she saw enough and will go back to this property in November.”

Glen Alpin

T. Jones provided an update on Glen Alpin. The Township is waiting on the ABC to render a decision on the Concession Liquor License.

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

There were no hearing persons present.

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 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee