

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020
21 BLUE MILL ROAD, NEW VERNON, NJ 07976**

Regular Meeting Minutes

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Wepler, Vice Chairman called the 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: Ms. Devine, (GoToMeeting), Mr. Jones (In Person), Mr. Novotny (In Person), Mrs. Riley (GoToMeeting), Mrs. Somers (arrived at 7:40 pm--GoToMeeting), and Mr. Wepler (GoToMeeting)

Excused Absence: Mr. Dietz, Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Platt

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: OCTOBER 14, 2020:

October 14, 2020 Minutes:

Mr. Wepler asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the October 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mr. Novotny, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the October 14, 2020 meeting minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Dear Property:

Mr. Jones reported on the boundary post signage (markers) for the Dear property. A copy of the signage was placed in the meeting packet. The sign is metal and is 4' x 4'. Four posts have been set at the Dear property; one at the corner near Blue Mill, two more within the street, and one by Koven. A discussion on the new boundary markers ensued.

Mrs. Somers commented that the boundary markers should be placed at Margetts field so the landscapers see them. Mr. Jones commented that in the Spring, HOST should conducted another site visit meeting at Margett's Field as there are several new property owners on Featherbed.

Mrs. Devine commented that the boundary markers should be placed at James/Wexford. A recommendation was made that the boundary markers should have GPS tracking.

Lee's Hill Road Property:

Mr. Jones reported that the title work came in today and should closed by year-end. A discussion ensued.

Glen Alpin Diversion/Disposal:

Mr. Jones reported that the Public Hearing is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm and commented that he hopes that HOST will support this. Signage will be going up shortly at Glen Alpin and at the Gatehouse. Members of HOST commented that this is terrific, a brilliant effort, and you should be congratulated.

New Business:

NJDOT Properties – Mr. Jones reported that Mr. Falzarano would be happy to look into properties for sale along the Route 202 and Route 287 corridor for HOST. A discussion ensued. The consensus of HOST was in favor of Mr. Falzarano looking into properties for sale.

Bayne Park – Mr. Wepler reported before the Township constructs any future trails at Bayne Park, Mr. Fox, CPAC, and Mr. Platt should review this again. After last weeks storm, there was tremendous wash out of the trail at Bayne Park.

New Business – Mr. Jones asked members of HOST to think about a property acquisition for 2021.

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

A discussion ensued on placing information in the Thumbnail that informs the residents about the properties purchased in 2020. Mr. Novotny will start crafting information and Mr. Jones will assist.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Devine. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee