

**HARDING TOWNSHIP**  
**HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**  
**21 BLUE MILL ROAD, NEW VERNON, NJ 07976**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Chairman Pfeiffer opened the April 14, 2021 regular meeting of the Harding Open Space Trust Committee to order at 7:32 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: MARCH 10, 2021:**

***March 10, 2021 Minutes:***

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

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**HOST UPDATES:**

***Margett's Field:***

Mrs. Sharp read into the minutes correspondence sent by Mr. Johnston to the HOST Committee which answered the Committees questions from the March meeting and provided an update on the field. A copy of Mr. Johnston's correspondence is appended to these minutes. A discussion ensued regarding Margetts Field. The HOST Committee would like Mr. Johnston to provide an update on the field once the field has been treated.

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Mr. Scaff, Jr., Lee's Hill Road – commented on placing cameras on Open Space properties. A discussion ensued. HOST commented that the Public Safety Committee would review this suggestion. Mr. Jones mentioned that this would also need to be sent to the Township Attorney for further review and comment.

*Bridge on Cherry Lane:*

Mrs. Divine reported that the stream has been widened and the current is stronger. There is no really good place for horses to go through. Mrs. Divine commented if the bridge could be made taller and if the Township could assist in contacting the utility company regarding the maintenance of the bridge. Mr. Jones asked if Jordan Leff could send a time line to Mrs. Sharp. Mr. Jones will contact the Township's Utility liaison.

*163 Lee's Hill Road:*

Mr. Jones reported their have been productive communications with the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge regarding the house. A gate will be placed around the house in the near future. The well and the barn will remain. A discussion ensued regarding planting of trees such as Red Maple and Elm. Mr. Jones commented that a suggestion on a trail was mentioned that would meet the White Oak Trail. The Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge will prepare a trail plan. Mr. Pfeiffer asked for a map to review at a future meeting.

*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 contract has been received.

*Appleton Property:*

A discussion ensued regarding the second Appleton property. HOST recommends that the Township Committee look into this property. A recommendation on seeing if County Funds would be available for this property. A discussion ensued regarding the Appleton property. Mr. Jones will speak with the Township Committee at the May 10, 2021 Township Committee meeting.

*Simon:*

Mr. Jones reported that at the April 12, 2021, Township Committee meeting, a resolution was adopted to move forward to preserve the Simon property for farmland, 50 percent of the 28 plus acres at \$105,000 an acre. A discussion ensued.

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

*Easement Policy* – A copy of the Harding Land Trust Easement Enforcement policy was discussed. It was recommended that the Zoning Officer review the policy as well as the Township Attorney.

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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 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee