

HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021
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OPEN MEETING:

Chairman Pfeiffer opened the May 12, 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: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: APRIL 14, 2021:

April 14, 2021 Minutes:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Wepler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the April 14, 2021 minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Margett's Field:

Mrs. Sharp reported to HOST that a resident was interested in using Margett's Field to run her sheep with her dogs. This would happen after the field is hayed. A comment was made regarding if there is a leash law in Harding for dogs. Mr. Jones responded with yes. Mrs. Sharp commented that this resident had previously done this at this field and is interested in doing it again. It was recommended that Mrs. Sharp contact Mr. Johnston to inform him of this and ask about the timing. The consensus of HOST was to allow this use as long as a Use of Facility is completed along with the proper insurance certificate.

Bridge on Cherry Lane:

M. Divine reported that the bridge is restricted to bridle path use only. Maintenance of the bridge will be shared by Harding Land Trust and the Bridle Path Association. The utility companies were contacted and they stated they have no easement or interest in the bridge, therefore, the bridge is restricted to equestrian use only.

163 Lee's Hill Road:

Mr. Jones reported that the consent for the demolition of the buildings was given on May 10, 2021 at the Township Committee meeting. Mr. Jones has asked for information on where the trail will meet the White Deer Trail. A discussion ensued regarding the demolition, the utility company, and trail.

Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion:

Mr. Jones explained that the Glen Alpin Sub-Committee presentation is scheduled for May 19, 2021 with the Morris County Historic Preservation Commission. A discussion ensued. There will be a meeting on May 13, 2021 for the Sub-Committee to discuss with Morris County the Glen Alpin House solution. A discussion ensued regarding the easement and converting it to a permanent easement.

NJDOT Property:

Mr. Jones commented that we are awaiting the contract from NJDOT.

Appleton Property:

A discussion ensued regarding the second Appleton property. Mr. Jones commented that Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney will reach out to the representatives for Mrs. Appleton regarding the second property.

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

Centennial – Mr. Jones explained that there is money allocated for a video series with residents discussing Harding. Mrs. Chipperso commented with COVID, how would residents feel about cameras coming to their house. Mr. Jones commented how about if the video series was done outside on certain spots in Harding such as:

- Margetts Field
- Garden at Tunis Ellicks
- Under the Kenny Tree
- Memorial Park
- Primrose

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Mr. Novotny mentioned a book that is about the oral history of Morris County which has a chapter on Harding that dates back to the 1800's. Mrs. Chipperson will research if the Morris County Library would have such a book.

Mr. Bjorkedal reported that the Gateway project is underway and recommends all HOST members to come and take a look. A discussion ensued regarding the iconic shed. Mr. Bjorkedal commented that they are still reviewing this and believes that it could be moved to a different location.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weppler and seconded by Mr. Jones. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee