

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

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mr. Pfeiffer opened the meeting at 7:30 pm by announcing adequate notice of this March 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, Ms. Devine (via phone), Mr. Wepler (via phone), and Mr. Rosato

**Excused Absence:** None

**Township Attendance:** Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

**Public Attendance:** T. Bologna and R. Clew

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: FEBRUARY 8, 2023:**

***February 8, 2023 Minutes:***

L. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the February 8, 2023 HOST minutes. With no comments L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to accept the February 8, 2023 HOST minutes. Upon a motion made by T. Jones, seconded by K. Gandy, and with a vote of all ayes, L. Wepler and M. Devine abstained, and with none opposed, the February 8, 2023, HOST minutes were accepted.

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**HOST UPDATES:**

***MC Planning & Preservation List***

L. Sharp reported that the spreadsheet that was sent to the Township was completed and emailed to the MC Planning & Preservation. L. Sharp explained that the Gatehouse was changed to show that it is now owned by The Harding Land Trust. The properties added to their list were:

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

L. Sharp explained that Mr. Falzarano mentioned that the Township Attorney will be contacting Green Acres to start the process to add the above properties to the Rosi.

#### *Margetts Field Barrier*

V. DeNave provided several photographs for members of HOST to review of the damage to Margetts field from tire marks being made from trucks or cars possibly turning around at Margetts Field. A discussion ensued on what type of barrier could be placed so no vehicle can drive around the rock. L. Pfeiffer mentioned markers that are used for snowplowing can be placed around the area which is an easy way to start. J. Novotny suggested placing an 8 foot section of natural flowers around the perimeter. Another suggestion was to add a concrete curb. V. DeNave thanked everyone for their suggestions and will discuss the suggestions with Tracy Toribio, DPW Superintendent.

#### *Management Plan Proposal – T. Bologna*

L. Pfeiffer asked Tina Bologna to discuss her proposal to conduct five management plans. T. Bologna explained that the management plan proposal provided is to see what is on the property, what improvements are necessary, why the properties were identified for preservation, if it is for public access or not, etc. This process will be a very interactive process. A lengthy discussion ensued on the process, access, and cost. A discussion on trails and the use of boardwalks ensued. L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to send a recommendation to the Township Administrator to hire T. Bologna to conduct five management plans with a not to exceed limit of \$5,000.00. Upon a motion made by J. Somers, seconded by V. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes none opposed, L. Sharp will send a memorandum from HOST to Mr. Falzarano with the recommendation. HOST recommended that L. Sharp be the point person for T. Bologna. J. Novotny will walk the NJDOT property with T. Bologna. HOST thanked T. Bologna for attending and discussing her proposal.

#### *Bayne Park*

V. DeNave reported that about 25 trees will be removed and the area will be reforested.

#### *Glen Alpin*

T. Jones reported that a conditional redeveloper has been named. There was a meeting with the New Jersey ABC to discuss licenses. They have requested information and this is being prepared by the Attorneys. A discussion ensued regarding Glen Alpin.

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


J. Novotny asked members of HOST to think of properties that would be good places to plant trees.

L. Pfeiffer recommended that members of HOST take pictures of open space properties to become familiar with them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comments, L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by T. Jones, seconded by V. DeNave, with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee