

**HARDING TOWNSHIP**  
**HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 December 13, 2023, HOST meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**HOST Attendance:** Mrs. Chipperson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Novotny, Mr. Pfeiffer, Ms. Somers, and Mr. Wepler

**Excused Absence:** Mr. DeNave, Ms. Devine, Mr. Gandy, and Mr. Rosato

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

**Public Attendance:** None

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: OCTOBER 11, 2023:**

***October 11, 2023 Minutes:***

L. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the October 11, 2023 HOST minutes. A question was asked on page 2 under Appleton 1 “what does SHIP stand for?” The correct acronym is NRCS WHIP program. Mrs. Sharp will make the change. A motion to accept the October 11, 2023 minutes was made by L. Wepler, seconded by J. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the amended minutes for October 11, 2023, were accepted.

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**HOST UPDATES:**

*Culbertson Mowing*

L Sharp reported that Nancy Jones, Logans Brook Equine Center has conducted the second mowing of the Culbertson property. Nancy Jones will continue to mow the Culbertson property for 2024 with two mowing’s at \$300 each mowing.

*Margetts Field*

L. Sharp reported that Circle Holly Farms (Brad Johnston) has applied the annual fertilizer to Margetts Field at the annual cost of \$2,800.00. The fertilizer was applied at the end of October beginning of November. A discussion ensued regarding how many years are remaining for Circle Hollow Farms.

*163 Lee’s Hill Road*

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A discussion ensued regarding 163 Lee's Hill Road and whether the driveway should be snow plowed. The consensus of HOST was no it is not necessary to snow plow the driveway. L. Sharp will inform T. Toribio.

*Annual Site Visit of HLT and HT properties*

L Sharp reported that T. Toribio and J. Leff of Harding Land Trust will conduct the annual site visit of the co-owned properties within the next few weeks.

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

L. Sharp reported that the reorganization meeting for HOST will be January 10, 2023.

J. Novotny mentioned when the weather gets colder, a site visit of the NJDOT property should be conducted. The HOST members were in agreement.

T. Jones commented that DPW will conduct clearing for the Appleton 1 and Appleton 2 properties. This clearing is near the road.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comments, L. Pfeiffer asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by L. Wepler, seconded by T. Jones, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee