

April 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Pond in **Bayne Park on April 11th at 6:15AM**. The pastors of the First Presbyterian Church and The Church of Christ the King will lead this annual sunrise service. Everyone is welcome.

Harding Township Historical Society

Our next Open House at the Tunis-Ellicks House on **Sunday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.** features a trio of experts who guarantee an informative afternoon for anyone interested in woodworking, barn building, and home repair. Expert woodworker Wally Kunkel, Jr., namesake of the founder of Mr. Sawdust School of Professional Woodworking, grew up on James Street. In addition to bringing some of his exquisite furniture for display, Wally will answer questions about specialized tools, restoration and refinishing. Richard Brown, a resident of Harding, specializes in Amish barn building, and works with the Amish to design and prepare foundations and ultimately to raise barns on designated locations. Richard will bring illustrations of his various projects and as well as samples of joinery used in construction. Bruce Wild, a resident of Harding and Trustee of HTHS, is largely responsible for the ongoing maintenance and repair of our 200-year-old T-E House. He is abundantly qualified to dispense information about general household repair. Wally, Richard and Bruce look forward to a lively afternoon of questions.

Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Harding Township Municipal Building.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

There are still some openings for the **adult health early-detection** program which will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 8:30 AM to noon at the Municipal Building. This program will include blood pressure; fasting blood chemistries - including cholesterol typing and information on nutrition and other health programs. There is no cost for the program, and all Harding residents over the age of 18 are welcome. You must register by April 15, 2004. You can register in person at the Health Department offices on the second floor of the Municipal Building or by calling (973) 455-7296 ext. 25 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please be sure to have your doctor's name, address and phone number ready when making your appointment.

HELP! The New Vernon Presbyterian Nursery School is looking for a space in which to offer its Pre-Kindergarten program from Sept. 13, 2004-June 3, 2005, while the Presbyterian Church completes a renovation. We have an accommodation for the 2 and 3-year-old classes, and had been assured of another location for our 4 year olds that was then revoked. We consider our program to be one that has enhanced our community over the years by benefiting the many local children who have attended. If there is anyone with a creative mind who has a recommendation, please contact Leslie Barry @973-326-9839 or 973-377-3048.

Harding Land Trust Don't forget! The annual meeting of the Harding Land Trust will take place on Wednesday, **April 28, at 8 p.m.** at Kirby Hall, New Vernon. Following a brief business meeting, there will be a special program on "Easing Into Conservation: Protecting Your Land". Three panelists, Michael Catania, President of Conservation Resources Inc., Frank Pinto, director of the Morris County Agriculture Development Board, and James Wyse, of Herold & Haines, will highlight actions that residents, the Land Trust and the Township can take to preserve the remaining open space in Harding Township.

The Madison High School Education Foundation will be holding their first annual 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run to raise money for teacher-sponsored educational enrichment projects at Madison High School, on **Sunday, May 2nd**. The 5K Run / Walk starts at 11:00 am; the children's Run (for children 10 and under) starts at noon. All events on Madison High School grounds. Prizes, live entertainment and refreshments (sold by the Junior Class at MHS)! For more information and run registration form please check our website <http://www.rosenet.org/mhsef/>. Hope to see you there!

THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library...Harding's First Edition! We are forming a ***Friends of the Harding Township Library*** and are ready to welcome new members. Whether you have lived in town for fifty years or fifty minutes, this is a unique opportunity to become a Charter Member of an enthusiastic group eager to get our new Library off to a strong start. Contact Jane Kendall (973-425-0616) or Chris O'Donnell (973-539-0149). Please join us in this exciting project!

Library April Programs for Children...registration not required: *April Showers Storytime and Activity*, for children of all ages, Thursday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Court Room. April showers stories, activities, and a craft. *Nursery Rhyme Storytime* for ages 5 and younger, Tuesday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. Classic nursery rhymes and a craft.

Talk It Up! Book Club for children in grades 3-5 on Thursday, April 29 from 4:40-5:30 p.m. to discuss *Meltdown: A Race Against Nuclear Disaster at Three Mile Island*, by Wilborn Hampton, a journalist's account of the nuclear meltdown on March 28, 1979. Copies to check out are available at the Library.

All programs meet in the Kirby Municipal Building. For more information about Library activities, call (973) 267-8000, ext. 32.

The Auxiliary to the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department wants you to know that they are *looking for new members*. If you are Interested in helping your community, please consider joining the Auxiliary, a group that aids and benefits the NVVFD.

The Auxiliary is active in many ways throughout the year!

The Emergency Committee assists at fire calls with beverages and food.

They sponsor fund raising events such as Bake Sales on Election Day and Soup Contests. They are the stocking stuffing elves for Operation Santa. They are responsible for many departments at the annual Auction including: White Elephant Tent, Books, Toys,

Jewelry, Outdoor Garden-Basket-Pet Tent, Candy, and Baked Goods, and many other members volunteer their time in clothing and on the auction block.

Is there training? Here's the BEST NEWS -- NO TRAINING NECESSARY!! All you need is the desire to help your volunteer fire department. How do you join? Other questions? Please call Florence Orefice the membership chairperson at 973-822-0563. Monthly meetings are held at the New Vernon Firehouse at 8:00 P.M, on the 1st Wednesday of the month, September - June.

Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade, May 31, 9:30 AM The Township's Annual Celebration The Civic Association, together with the community and government of Harding Township invites any interested Township group or organization to participate in this year's Harding Township Memorial Day Parade. Call Sal, Parade Chair, (973)425-0006 to have your organization added to the Order of March.

The subject of the **Harding Township Civic Association Essay Contest** is "**If you were President of your own country, what would be its symbol, and what would the symbol represent?**" All resident school age children are eligible to enter. Entries are due May 7. The winners are selected from among the elementary and middle school age groups: Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Each winner will receive a US Savings Bond, and will be asked to read his/her winning essay at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Please submit entries to the Civic Association.

The **HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY** holds its annual community Memorial Day Open House following the Town parade, between 10 am and noon, at the Tunis-Ellicks House.

The Shade Tree Committee announces that the 9th Annual Harding Township **Fat Tree Contest** is accepting entries. Rules are:

1. Find the fattest shade tree on your property.
2. Measure up the trunk 3 feet.
3. Record the circumference of your tree at that point.
4. Send the measurement, and the type (species) of tree together with your name, address, and telephone, to the Harding Twp. Shade Tree Committee, Box 666, New Vernon NJ 07976, **no later than May 27, 2003**. Winners will be announced during the Memorial Day celebration, but need not be present to win. Previous winners and Historic Designated trees are not eligible.

The Garden Club of New Jersey presented a standard flower show, "You Are Invited To Our Garden", as part of the Flower, Garden and Outdoor Living Show of New Jersey, held in February. **The Jr. Gardeners of the New Vernon Garden Club** entered the show in the Youth Division. Their class was entitled "Green Places in Small Spaces". They planted dish gardens containing three or more plants. The dish could not exceed 10 inches in diameter. Accessories such as moss, small wooden birdhouses and small figures were also permitted and used in the design. Congratulations to all who participated in the show and for doing such

a fine job. They were: Age 5: Grace McCulloch, Blue Ribbon; Caroline Turnbull, Red Ribbon; Lauren Downs, Yellow Ribbon; Age 6-7: Elizabeth Turnbull, Blue Ribbon; Lauren Kelly, Red Ribbon; Age 9: Alison Coy, Blue Ribbon; Annie Turnbull, Red Ribbon; Colette Monod, Yellow Ribbon; Age 10: Molly Riley, Blue Ribbon; Siobhan McCulloch, Red Ribbon. The Jr. Gardeners are ably led by Martha Coy and MJ Turnbull. Also entering the show was Justine Kovacs whose class was entitled "Trunk Show". She received a Yellow Ribbon for her small design (not to exceed 8 inches in height, depth or width) which was placed on a round slice of tree trunk.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Committee

At the **March 17, 2004** meeting of the Harding Township Committee, Mayor John Murray, Louis Lanzerotti and Mary Prendergast were in attendance. Donald Dinsmore was recovering from an illness and Epsy Farrell was out of the country.

Board of Adjustment Report

Bill Keefauver, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, reported on the activities of the Board of Adjustment in 2003 compared to the previous year. Mr. Keefauver explained that as measured by workload and complexity, 2003 was very similar to 2002. He added that the 10% maximum lot coverage Ordinance introduced in 2001 has worked well particularly in furthering the goal of limiting paved and impervious areas to reduce damage from water runoff. So called "flag lots" have posed an issue as many require a long driveway to reach the residence. However, the Board has been willing to allocate the covered area in the case of shared driveways and encourage catch basins where allocation is not possible.

Finally, Mr. Keefauver called for more guidance on dealing with modifications to properties with accessory buildings. Mr. Keefauver felt the existing Ordinance was very restrictive and could lead to actions that may not be consistent with the goal of historic preservation (for example where a historically important building is close to the road and the Ordinance prevents a main residence from being built at the rear of the property.) Mr. Keefauver felt the Board needed guidance on how much flexibility they should exercise in such cases.

Library Location

Discussion continued from the previous Committee meeting on whether to locate the new library near the Tunis-Ellicks House in the center of the New Vernon Redevelopment Zone or on Township property near the existing Municipal Building in advance of a vote by the Township Committee.

Joan Humphries of the library board, spoke in favor of the Municipal Building site and against a site adjacent to the Tunis-Ellicks House citing many of the concerns previously raised on lack of space, traffic and noise. Karl Meister of Fawn Hill Drive spoke in favor of the center of New Vernon location as he felt it would be more in keeping with the goal of the Master Plan to promote Harding's rural character and would benefit from the proximity to the new post office that would generate walk in traffic.

Mayor Murray said that he had two new pieces of information to consider (1) Board of

Health official Gary Annibal had determined based on soil records that there were no septic system issues with the New Vernon site and that there would be no need for an unattractive “mound” system as some had feared. Mayor Murray also noted that Ed Beckerman, a consultant who conducted a feasibility study on behalf of the library board concluded that proximity to the Post Office would have little to no effect on library usage.

Ann Thomas, a Township resident, added that the recent increases in library usage, which coincided with the establishment of the temporary post office on the Municipal site were due to interlibrary loan programs and other new library programs and not proximity to the post office.

Marshall Bartlett, Chairman of the Redevelopment Committee, argued that locating the Library in New Vernon would further the goals of redevelopment, and he feared that that redevelopment process would be slowed significantly if the library were located elsewhere.

Mark Farraci, a consultant from Graham Pelton, a professional firm advising the library board on fund raising, argued that the leadership team of about 10 individuals that they interviewed were growing weary of the location debate and tended to favor the Municipal site. He said Graham Pelton felt that the success of the project depended on the energy and support of this leadership team, and therefore, recommended that a decision be made in favor of the Municipal site without undue delay.

Everyone who spoke including members of the public and the Committee was enthusiastically in favor of the new library and agreed that the goal of a new library for Harding should take precedence over specific location. The Committee noted the decision on where to locate the Kirby Municipal Building made in the 1970s took seven years!

After the discussion, Lou Lanzerrotti introduced a motion that was seconded by Mayor Murray to approve **locating the library on Township land near the existing Municipal Building**. The motion carried two votes in favor and one vote against. Mrs. Prendergast explained her vote by saying that she wanted to see “two goods” created, a library for Harding and a successful redevelopment of downtown New Vernon.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Numerous Resolutions and three Ordinances were unanimously approved as follows (except as specifically noted):

Ordinance 3-04 - Emergency appropriation of \$66,000 to cover Master Plan expenses

Ordinance 4-04 - Misc. Land Use Amendments Resolution (technical changes)

Ordinance 8-04 – Regulating B-1 Zone building height (minimum height of 1 & ½ stories and maximum height of 2 & ½ stories).

Resolution TC - 04-62 – Approve contract with St. Huberts for animal control

Resolution TC - 04-63 – Approve submission of application to State of NJ Preservation office for funds for McAlpin Estate

David Rosen, a local architect was in attendance and reported that he had toured the McAlpin Estate on Mt. Kemble Avenue that the Township has an option to purchase. He was impressed by the quality and significance of the building and felt that it could be used as a private home, a private club, a museum, a restaurant or possibly private offices for a single tenant professional service firm or not-for-profit agency. He explained that the space and structure were not appropriate for a Library or multiple tenant offices, without modifications

that would destroy the integrity of the building .

Resolution TC - 04-64 - Request for the Township to act as co-applicant on a loan to the Lakeshore Association. The Committee determined they needed more information on the specific terms of the transaction before voting.

Resolution TC - 04-53 - Refund of taxes on 1200 Mt. Kemble Avenue due to a reduction in tax assessment from \$17 million to \$14 million

Resolution TC - 04-55 - Refund of taxes on several smaller properties

Resolution TC - 04-65 - Tax sale certificate redemption

Resolution TC - 04-66 - Transfer of funds

Resolution TC - 04-67 - Tax sale certificate redemption

Resolution TC - 04-68 - Amendment to temporary budget to fix error

Resolution TC - 04-69 - Authorize \$21,000 to purchase a new Crown Victoria for the Police Department. With the recent additions to the force, there are now three Patrolmen out at a time. The Department is requesting an SUV for use in snowy weather.

Resolution TC - 04-70 - Request for waiver of roof drain dry well requirement (no action taken)

Tax Court Cases

Pat Aceto, Township Tax Collector reported that the Township's strategy of following tax appeal cases through trial and not negotiating a settlement if the Township felt they had a strong case seem to be working. Mr. Lanzerotti felt that this policy would also discourage unfounded appeals in the future. However, there remain seven cases that have not been resolved and in the worst case for the Township could result in a loss of \$6.5 million in tax base.

The Township also passed an ordinance **5-04** prohibiting the display of incorrect building numbers. **Residents whose addresses changed with the introduction of the township's new numbering system last year will have to remove their old house numbers by July 1.** The deadline is spelled out in two new ordinances introduced at the Wednesday, Feb. 18, Township Committee meeting, requiring residents to start using their new township-assigned addresses and to get rid of old signage. The new addresses are based on mileage from key intersections.

Recent changes in the state's motor vehicle regulations have made it necessary for motorists to produce several forms of identification, including a complete address with a house number, in order to get a drivers license. The demand for copies of the notification letter has been so strong that the township mailed out another letter in early March. Another problem that has cropped up as the township phases in the new system is duplication of house numbers. In a few cases, two households were using the same address because the resident who originally had the house number had not stopped using it after it was assigned to a different residence.

PLANNING BOARD, March 22

The McShane/Lancor development subdivision, Dickson Mill and Cherry Lane, was inspected. This is Block 8, lots 2, 5, 5.02 and 5.03. There are about 40 acres with one house presently on this land, and Applicants propose 5 lots in addition to the lot with the existing house; the lots would be 4, 6, 6, 7, and 8 acres each; the road way (currently lot 5.03) and other improvements would take up the rest of the land. Discussion of the subdivision will be continued at the next meeting on April 26, 7:30 PM.

A minor subdivision was approved, Block 4, Lots 27 and 61, Mayfield Conservation Partners (former Quinn property on Blue Mill Rd, now part of Hartley Farms development).

School Board News

Board of Education Meeting.

The Annual Public Meeting of the BOE was held on March 29th at the Harding School. In addition to the highlights noted below a summary of the minutes can be found at the following site: <http://www.hardingtwp.k12.nj.us/boefolder/boe.html>
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2004-2005 Proposed School Budget: Note that the school budget will be voted on from 2-9 pm on April 20th in the Municipal Building. As reported earlier, the state mandated limit for administrative spending meant that Harding stood to lose \$190,000 in state aid for the 2004-2005 year. Fortunately, the administration successfully appealed this ruling and the state aid has since been reinstated. Consequently, the new proposed tax levy increase is 4.4% which corresponds to an increase of \$13/\$100,000 (assessed value) on operating budget and \$2/\$100,000 (assessed value) on debt service. In other words, the total increase for a one million dollar home will be \$ 150 over the 2003-2004 school tax. Public discussion on this issue focused on the nature of the appeal. Dr. Pallozzi mentioned that they argued that a higher administration cost to student ratio at Harding was a consequence of the unique smaller size of the student body and that the students of Harding greatly benefit from the additional administrative support. Dr. Pallozzi emphasized that if the school budget is not approved then it is quite likely that the issue of the administrative cost limitation would have to be revisited with no guarantee that it would be reinstated again.

In addition to the budget vote on April 20th, the BOE elections for 3 open positions on the BOE will also be held at this time. For the two 3 year term positions, the candidates are Angelo Santoro (current President of the BOE) and Regina Egea (current member of the BOE). For the one 1 year term the candidate is Jim Novotny.

Other items included a summary of recent test scores: (First in County in Math for Grade 4 NJASK, Second in County in Language Arts on Grade 4 NJASK and First in County in Science on 8th grade GEPA). A list of cost saving initiatives was presented which included a new 5 yr contract with Madison to prevent unexpected price increases and a \$ 200,000 Energy Conservation project with guaranteed savings of ~ \$30,000/year in utility costs. Lastly, the Board extended their thanks and congratulations to Dr. Pallozzi on the 5 year extension of his contract.

At the special March 3rd meeting, to discuss the impact of Governor McGreevey's announcement on February 26th that schools with administrative costs exceeding \$1,489 per student would lose state funding equal to the amount over that threshold, Board President Angelo Santoro stated that prior to this announcement the proposed budget plan produced a

budget that was under cap resulting in a minor tax impact on residents – 2.6% higher than last year's budget with a tax levy increase of 4%.

Robert Mathews and Regina Egea of the Finance Committee identified total administrative costs in the proposed budget as \$2,058 per student, a rate impacted by a low student population. However, costs in these areas are comparable to other small K-8 districts in similar socioeconomic communities. Mrs. Egea reviewed the various options available to the Board: increase the tax levy to 7% to cover the loss of aid; reduce administrative costs to cover the loss of aid by eliminating staff and services; allocate cost reductions from both administrative and educational expenditures to cover the loss of aid. Dr. Pallozzi commented that the state's message makes certain assumptions that districts are overspending in administration to the detriment of the students. He added that Harding's costs for classroom instruction are also above the state average. He cited the strides that have been made in the district, including the five-year curriculum plan, new resources and materials to support the plan, and exemplary test scores.

Mr. Santoro commented that this proposed budget had kept the tax impact to the lowest it had been in a long time and was proud to put this budget before the public. He expressed concern that this untimely action by the Governor would undo that work and make it difficult to pass a budget with a 7% tax levy increase. A member of the public asked how the administrative penalty was overturned nine years ago. Mr. Santoro responded that it was done through lobbying by various associations and New Jersey School Boards. Another member of the public suggested that letters be written to legislators as well as to Robert Martin who is co-chair of the State Educational Committee. Another resident commented that research shows that small districts outperform large districts. Mayor John Murray commented that the BOE and the Township Committee have an excellent relationship, but should this budget fail on April 20th, he feared that there will be pressure to make draconian cuts. He added that on the municipal level, he is seeing many challenges to "home rule" and pressure to regionalize in many areas.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The following matters were discussed at the February and March meetings.

Approved application #25-03 - Duane and Jane Connell, 17 Sand Spring Road, Block 21, Lot 1, Zone R-10 -"C" Variance. Applicant is seeking a variance from 10% coverage. Applicant is on a flag lot. Driveway is owned by the Connells, but their neighbor shares the driveway through an easement. Five percent of the coverage is being used up by driveways. Half of the coverage for the driveway could be allocated to the neighbors. The Connells would like to add a small library, a pool and a barn with a small potting shed. It was suggested that the Connells reduce the width of the driveway to 9 feet. Variance granted from the max 10% lot coverage to permit the addition, swimming pool, patio, which will result in lot coverage of 13.2%.

Approved application #2-04, Oleh and Sandra Sharanevych, 154 Village Road, Block 14, Lot 4.03, Zone R-1, "C" Variance. This is a 3 acre lot with a long, low house. Because of the architecture, the house uses up a lot of coverage. Roof coverage would go from 2.66 to 3.4%. Applicant would like to add a family room and an additional bedroom. The bedroom

would go on the first floor. A new septic will be necessary to accommodate the bedroom. Plans for the septic have been submitted to the Board of Health and approved. The variance granted will allow a total building area of 4446ft², notwithstanding a front setback of 199 ft.

Approved application #1-04 David and Kathy Shepperly, 232 Blue Mill Road, Block 9, Lot 10, Zone R-1 "C" Variance. A house fire at this location in November 2003 made it necessary to tear down what remained of the structure. The outside of the new structure will look the same as before with the following exceptions: there will be a portico over the front door, the roof will be higher and a circular driveway will be added. A variance was granted for this location in 2001 because of deficiencies in all setbacks. The new changes will involve adding a garage and shifting the location of the garages to the left so that the doors will not face the front of the house. Total additional coverage will be 452 sq. feet. The new setback will be 44.4 feet from the road and the roof will be 5 feet higher than before so that a second bedroom can be added to the second floor. The Historical Commission has reviewed this application and has no problems with it. The new driveway will use an additional 456 sq. ft. of coverage. The driveway is being changed so that cars will be able to pull straight out, rather than having to back out onto Blue Mill Road. It was agreed that the width of the driveway will be kept to 9 feet, unless this is too narrow to maneuver cars around the circle. If additional width is needed, applicant is to contact the Township Engineer, who will discuss possible changes. Building area ratio of 9.0% and lot coverage ratio of 14.1% permitted; new circular driveway will be constructed. Property has minimum side and front setbacks. Application approved with aforementioned restrictions.

Approved application #3-04, David Cowan and Elizabeth Kardos, 56 Anthony Wayne Rd, Bl 20, lot 26.01 for variance for a pre-existing non conforming shed on a crushed stone base.

In Feb, New Application #27-03 - Michelle Bocchi, 2 Glen Eagles Drive, Block 48, Lot 1, Zone R-1, "C" Variance. Applicant would like to add a barn/garage to store two cars. Because of the shape of the lot, the building envelope is very limited. The new building would be on the edge of the existing driveway, so no additional driveway coverage would be needed. This would be a conventional barn, painted red, measuring 40 feet long and 23.3 feet wide. Total impervious coverage will be 6.1%. There will be no heat or water to the barn. An extension of time was requested and granted.

New Application Discussion Item: 2003 Annual Report.

A report of Board of Adjustment activity in 2003 was presented at the Township Committee, see that section for report. A summary of the report follows: 26 new applications were filed in 2003 (as compared to 28 in 2002). Three of the applications were for nonresidential properties, the rest were residential. The bulk of applications were for nonconforming structures (16 applications), building setback (12) lot coverage ratio (9) and building area ratio (6). Of the 26 applications, 4 were pending at year end, 2 were withdrawn and 24 were approved (which includes 7 applications from 2002).

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Two reports this month, for March and February meetings)

March 4, 2004

1. Messuti/Billings Tempe Wick Road, block 33, Lot 12 – Contributing Property Tempe Wick Historic District. Mr. Gabe Messutti and Mr. Bob Lewis continued discussion for plans to replace current historic home (c.1790). Proposed plans for development and resale include a structure resembling a converted “bank barn” and materials are to be primarily stone and clapboard. Modified plans were reviewed responding to prior HPC suggestions to reduce the bulk of the street-facing façade and create a “barn-like” profile. The demolition permit response date was again extended by mutual agreement for 30-days (April 2) to allow further research.
2. Dorne, Lee’s Hill at Young’s Road, Block 47 Lot 10 – Contributing Property, Logansville Historic District. Demolition application (application to move historic structure) - Property is constrained by wetland restrictions and septic location issues. Mr. Peter Dorne is under contract to purchase this property, with plans for development and resale. Plans to change the orientation of the historic home (c.1800), as well as move it further from the property line to incorporate a new structure were reviewed. Proposed home with footprint greater than 4500sf will have one wing, two stories high, facing Lee’s Hill Road and another one-story perpendicular wing incorporating the historic structure. The porch of the historic structure will be removed and the façade changed to be integrated into new design. The proposed home will be 28’ high at its highest point and the property entrance will be changed to Young’s Road. This will enable a garage facing Lee’s Hill Road accessed through a port-cochere. Parking in front of garages will be below grade limiting visibility from street. Also proposed is a two-story, 1300sf, accessory structure to be built on the Young’s Road side of the property. HPC recommended approval of the concept of incorporating the historic structure to the Board of Adjustment. HPC feels this design compliments the historic district, retains rural streetscape, and offers the best opportunity (short of retaining and expanding existing home) for this important and visible property.
3. Oleh and Sandra Sharanevych, 154 Village Road, Block 122 Lot 4.03, Board of Adjustment – Expansion of existing residence from back of home. No Comment by HPC - Non Contributing Structure not in Historic District
4. David Cowen /Elizabeth Kardos, Blue Mill Road, Block 26.01, Lot 4.03, Board of Adjustment, Expansion of existing non-conforming structure/approval for existing accessory structure (shed). No comment by HPC – Non Contributing Structure not in Historic District
5. Mayfield Conservation/Quinn, Silver Lake District, Block 4, Lots 27 and 61, Planning Board – No Comment by HPC.
6. The Ridge at Sand Spring/Lyall, Sand Spring Road, Six Lot concept review for a major subdivision. HPC’s revised comments were presented to the DRC in early February and were consistent with other concerns; it was reported the applicant would consider these suggestions.

February 5, 2004

1. Messutti/Lewis, Tempe Wick Road, Block 33, Lot 12 - Tempe Wick Historic District – Mr. Messutti introduced plans for redevelopment of property stated he would return with more complete plans.

2. Castenschiold, 8 Meyersville Road, Green Village, Block 12, Lot 12 – Mr. Renee Castenschiold proposed to demolish and antiquated green house and shed to construct a post and beam building. The new structure would be used to support his Christmas Tree Farm. No Comment by HPC.
3. Engel, Glen Alpin Road, Block 35, Lot 21, Historic Structure outside of Historic District. Architect John Booth presented plans for interior renovations. No Comment by HPC
4. Shepperly, Blue Mill Road, Block 9, Lot 10 – Silver Lake Historic District – David and Kathy Shepperly and Architect John Booth presented plans for rebuilding dwelling destroyed by fire. Structure will be rebuilt further back on property as well as addition of circular driveway providing safer entry and exit onto Blue Mill Road. HPC approved changes.
5. Bocchi, Glen Eagles Drive, Block 48, Lot 7.5 – Addition of accessory barn/garage. No comment by HPC - Non Contributing Structure not in Historic District.
6. Connell, Sand Spring Road, Block 21, Lot 8.03 – Expansion of existing residence – No comment by HPC.
7. The Ridge at Sand Spring/Lyall, Sand Spring Road, Block 25.02 Lots 10.04 and 10.07 – Planning Board Review – Six lot concept review for a major subdivision. The State Historic Preservation Office has indicated this property is eligible to be included in the Silver Lake Historic District. Concerns were raised about the impact this development would have on adjacent historic properties. This is a very important streetscape entering into Harding Township. Commission members felt it is important they be kept well informed regarding progress of this subdivision.
8. McShane/Lancor Development, Cherry Lane, Block 8, Lots 2.5, 5.02 and 5.03. Bruce McShane/Lancor are applying for a major subdivision of this property. Six lot proposal, HPC stressed, again, streetscape issues are very important.
9. Dorne, Lee's Hill Road at Young's Road, Block 37, Lot 10 – Contributing Property Logansville Historic District – Mr. Dorne proposed to purchase property and incorporate existing historic structure.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No separate reports this month.

The Civic Association through volunteer Ann Campbell maintains an excellent, current website complete with a Community Calendar. Here you can discover information about Township organizations; several pages are also devoted to the Township Library. In addition, back issues for a full year of The Thumbnail are posted. Don't forget to check this valuable resource for information about your town! www.hardingcivic.org.

The deadlines for the next 2 issues of the Thumbnail are April 29 and May 28 . You should EM or fax articles (typewritten preferred, please) to the Editor, Hesna Pfeiffer, 973 540 8911, email hesnaj@aol.com. Call the editor if necessary, 973 538 0020. *The Thumbnail is copyrighted and published by the Harding Township Civic Association, and is mailed to every home in Harding Township.*

RECYCLING: Commingled recycling of plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and household batteries at Municipal Garage every Wednesday, 7AM-Noon, (7AM to 9AM self service); and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 6/1, 6/19 from 9-12 AM. Residents are requested NOT to leave recyclable materials if the center is closed.

DATES TO REMEMBER, please take note of the times.

Municipal Court (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	6 PM	
Environmental Commission (1 st Tuesday)	7:30 PM	5/4
Seniors (2 nd and 4 th Thurs at Pres Church)	11 AM	
Planning Board (4 th Monday)7:30 PM	4/26, 5/24
Hist Preservation Comm (1stThursday)	7:30 PM	4/1, 5/6
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	8 PM	
Board of Education (2 nd and 4 th Monday)	7:30 PM	
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM	4/15
Township Committee (1 st and 3 rd Wed)	8 PM	
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday) 3 PM		
Municipal Alliance (3 rd Wed at Hardng Schl)	8:45 AM	
Harding Twp Civic Association	7:30 PM	4/12, 5/3, 6/7