

September 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fire Department Auction Saturday, September 27th

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 56th Annual Auction on **Saturday, September 27th** at the Firehouse on Village Road at 9:00 AM sharp, rain or shine. Parking opens 6:30 am, Grounds open 7AM. Auction preview 8AM.

The Harding Township Committee announced that the **annual curbside clean-up** will commence on **Monday September 29th, 2008.** Materials that will *not* be collected are building material, garbage, stones, concrete, soil, brush, yard debris, toxic chemicals, propane bottles and tanks, 55 gallon drums (empty or full), oil tanks and oil based paints. Lawnmowers and other gasoline-powered equipment must have the gas and oil drained. Hot water heaters and water conditioners must be drained. Pipes and single pieces of lumber must be cut or bent into sections four (4) feet or less in length. Latex paints must be opened and completely dried out. Please do not leave items in front of property sooner than ten (10) days before the collection date. Materials that will not be collected, but are acceptable at the recycling center are: all standard recyclables: newspaper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastics), barbeque size propane tanks, tires, computers and related electronic Any questions please call Tracy Toribio, at the Harding Township dept of Public Works, 973-267-2448.

FRIENDS OF THE HARDING TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - THE ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT AND "WE'RE BOOKIN' BICYCLE" TOUR - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH. Enjoy an afternoon of cycling through scenic Harding Township; 24 mile challenge ride starts 1 PM, 10 mile ride starts 2 PM. Then the **Annual Concert**, 3:30-5:30 PM, music by Ludlow Station, a 10-piece blue grass band on the lawn of The Kirby Municipal Building. Tickets to Concert: \$15, \$30, \$50. Pre-register to Friends of Library, Box 517 New Vernon NJ 07976, or pay at door. Tickets for Tour: \$20, \$25, \$10. Enquiries to cycleharding@aol.com or to hardinglibrary.org, or call library at 973 267 8000x132.

THE LIBRARY

Storyhour with Jennifer Carlin, Starting September 16 ...Join our new Children's Librarian, Jennifer Carlin, for fun, interactive story experiences on **Tuesday mornings from 10-11 o'clock.** Following her extensive experience at Long Hill Township and Morris County Libraries, Jennifer will be sure to delight and engage your toddler or pre-schooler.

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. If you like to read something you never thought about reading before and enjoy sharing your views about it, the Evening Book Group is for you! We are a democratic group of readers, so the first meeting of the season is devoted to shaping the list of books for the coming year. Do join us—and bring your idea for must-reads to consider. All are welcome!

4th and 5th Grade Book Clubs. Our popular literary circles for school-age children are in the planning stage and will begin in late October.

FROM THE HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: *An Invitation to Serve Your Town* In 2009 there may be a few openings on the Boards, Commissions, and Committees that support the governance of Harding Township. If you are excited by the possibility of contributing your time and talents to your town, we need to hear from you. The major qualifications sought are your interest in participating in one or more of the activities covered by the committees (listed on the Township web site (www.Hardingnj.org) as well as in the annual Harding Township Civic Association Directory) and the time to attend meetings (usually once a month). If you are interested, please contact Cindy Phillips, Administrative Assistant at 973-267-8000 ext. 147, or email: CPhillips@hardingnj.org; or any member of the Township Committee.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Help Line: 2-1-1 or www.nj211.org is New Jersey's help line and connection to community services. The call is free, confidential, and service is available 24/7. The help line will connect residents with the most appropriate and available resources to find assistance for most problems.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): The MRC was established by the Morris County Office of Health Management to recruit and organize medical volunteers to assist local health departments during a public health emergency. MRC units provide health professionals and others with a way to volunteer their time and skills to assist their community in a disaster. To become part of the Harding Township Health Department MRC team, register at www.njmrc.nj.gov. For further information, call Pat Russomano, RN at 973/267-8000, extension 148.

Flu Clinic Hotline:

The Harding Township Health Department has scheduled their influenza immunization clinics for Thursday, October 23, 2008 and Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 9:00 AM to noon. The flu shots are available free of charge to Harding Residents who are at least 65 years old and residents who are at high risk for flu due to chronic disease as defined by the CDC criteria. High-risk residents must provide a note from

their doctor authorizing the vaccine before the Health Department can administer the shot. The Health Department cannot give flu vaccine to persons under 18 years of age. Parents who wish to have their children vaccinated should contact their pediatrician.

Residents, 65 years and older, who wish a pneumonia vaccine must call the Health Department at (973) 267-8000, extension 148 to make an appointment. For future clinic information, call the Flu Hotline at 973-267-8000, extension 190.

Rabies Clinic: The Harding Township Department of Health, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Department of Health and the Morris Township Health Department, will again offer a free Rabies Vaccine Inoculation for cats and dogs at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire House, Village Road, New Vernon, NJ, on **Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs whose rabies vaccination expires before October 31, 2009 must be vaccinated before a license can be issued for 2009.

From the Harding Township Environmental Commission Beginning this fall, the Commission will post informational articles on environmental matters on the Township web site (www.hardingnj.org). Residents who would like to receive e-mail alerts as new information is posted are encouraged to send their name and e-mail address to envionmental@hardingnj.org. The names and e-mail addresses provided will be used for e-mail alerts only.

The Harding Township Historical Society SAVE THE DATE! It is the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Antiques Show on November 7, 8 & 9th and we are planning a Gala Preview Party on Friday, November 7 from 6 - 9 PM .to celebrate. Wine and hors d'oeuvres, decor by David Mitchell, home made soup and jams, a raffle, and fabulous antiques from many new dealers promise to make this a memorable evening. Members will receive invitations and reply cards in the mail, non-members are welcome to make a reservation by sending a check to HTHS, P.O. Box 1776, New Vernon 07976. Admission to the Preview Party includes admission all weekend: \$60 for couples, \$30 for individuals.

Harding Land Trust and the Township of Harding celebrates the preservation of a seven-acre conservation easement and the purchase of a three-acre parcel located at the northwestern corner of the Blue Mill Road and James Street intersection.

This project was funded by a one million dollar grant from the NJDEP Green Acres Program to the Harding Land Trust and five hundred thousand in funds from Harding Township. In the spirit of conservation, the property's sellers, **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Von Zuben**, generously donated 50% of the property's fair market value by offering a bargain sale to the Harding Land Trust.

The conservation easement includes the entirety of Lot 4.06 and a portion of Lot 4 in Block 7. With frontage along James Street, these lots are locally known for the sulky track that was constructed in the seventies. The open meadow on this property is

traversed by a bridle trail that takes riders from Margett's Field towards the trails near Van Beuren. Although the property remains in private ownership, the conservation easement prohibits any subdivision, building or creation of lawn and allows full public access to the property as well as continued use or relocation of the bridle trail. The landowner will be permitted to conduct limited agricultural activities on the property including haying and soil/water conservation activities.

Lot 4.05 was purchased in fee and ownership is shared by Harding Land Trust and Harding Township. This property connects to a large tract of Township-owned open space (Margett's Field) and preserves the scenic corridors along both Blue Mill and James Street. The Land Trust and Township will develop a management plan for the property and will share proportionately in ownership responsibilities. The public has full access to the site during daytime hours. The development rights will be extinguished entirely in perpetuity.

The Harding Land Trust was formed in 1990 and works to acquire property and conservation easements in the community. By preserving open space, the Trust seeks to protect the character of Harding's countryside and ensure the integrity of its water resources. Working with its neighbors, the township and its conservation partners, Harding Land Trust has preserved over 250 acres of scenic and environmentally sensitive land. To find out more about the Harding Land Trust, how to preserve your family lands or to become a member, contact the office at 973-267-2515 or email us at contactus@hardinglandtrust.org.

HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST) COMM. REPORT, August 27, 2008

Our HOST partner, the Harding Land Trust (HLT) represented by Ms. Tina Bologna, reported on the status of the renovation of both the Frelinghuysen and Waterman Meadow fields. To assure proper care and maintenance of previously acquired properties, grass has been harvested and necessary herbicides applied. Additionally, damaged drainage tiles and several deep ruts are being repaired.

Ms. Bologna also reported on the results of the joint monitoring of five key properties as part of the overall stewardship of HOST/HLT properties. Four of the five properties that were examined by summer interns had experienced some degree of encroachment by neighbors. Remedial steps including improved boundary markers of Township properties and appropriate letters to the neighbors are being implemented.

The Committee discussed a new application to the Morris County Open Space Fund for acquisition of very attractive land in Harding. The Post and Rail Farm (corner of Van Buren and Red Gate Roads) is being considered for preservation. The Committee, after discussion, then voted unanimously to recommend HOST funding to the Township Committee in the amount of \$250,000. These funds would then be combined with \$1.5 million from the Morris County Open Space Fund and \$1.0 million from the Harding Township Green Acres Funds for possible purchase. Negotiations with the owners have begun.

The Eggert property acquisition has still not closed as attorneys are now dealing with dealing with discovery of an underground gasoline storage tank.

The Von Zuben property easement has closed as payment of the purchase price, including funds from Green Acres, has been completed. (See the report on the VonZuben purchase, above.

Draft of an attractive new brochure describing the HOST mission, activities and accomplishments was reviewed and discussed. The final color brochure will likely be distributed to Harding residents by the end of this month.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Committee Meeting, September 3

Attendance: All – Bartlett, Lanzerotti, Murray, Rybka, Ward

Agenda for Future Meetings: 10/1 Hearing on repealing local ordinance on public intoxication; Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Plan Introduction – major fiscal impact; Sewer fees

Mt Kemble Sports Complex

Representatives from Morris Township (MT) granted permission to present a modified plan for the Mt Kemble Sports Complex.

(Background: MT wants to buy a tract of land from its owner (SK Properties) in Harding and build a sports complex. MT has an agreement to purchase the land which is behind the old AT&T Long Lines complex on Mt Kemble Road, a.k.a. Rt. 202. The land is zoned for residential use. MT's plan would require it to be re-zoned for its proposed use or annexed by MT after getting permission from Harding. Area Harding residents are strongly opposed. The last action by the Harding TC was to reject the plan because it was not in keeping with the low-key, low intensity style of Harding's recreation fields.)

MT's new plan attempts to meet the objections of the Harding TC. As described by MT Mayor Nace, the new plan calls for natural turf (not artificial) and temporary seating (not permanent bleachers). It eliminates the concession stand, the sewers and the sound system. It limits play to 9pm (was 11pm), with safety lighting out at 9:30pm. The height of the lighting poles has been cut to 72 feet (was 80 ft). Lastly, MT is now only asking for rezoning, not annexation.

These changes would appear to meet the objections of the Harding TC except one – lighting. However MT, claims that the cost of the project (approximate \$5mm) cannot be justified if the fields are only usable during daylight hours. It is MT's position that if the fields cannot be lit, then they will not go ahead. (Note: A quick calculation shows that the cost per hour of play, excluding maintenance, is over \$185 even if the fields are used until 9pm.

Assuming that both fields are used 6 hours per day [3 pm to 9pm] on week days and 12 hours per day [8am to 9pm] on weekends for 25 weeks per year, the two fields combined will get 2700 hours of use per year. Amortizing the \$5mm upfront cost over 10 years, but excluding maintenance, comes to over \$185 per hour.)

A couple other issues were discussed. (1) Permanency of the any agreement. Ex. What is to prevent MT from adding a public address system in the future? MT responded that since the property will still be in Harding, it will be under Harding Planning Board control. (2) Increased Intensity of Use – it was admitted that under the new plan there will still be more cars after business hours but MT said that their police department will be responsible for patrolling the area. (3) Lighting – skepticism about this issue persisted.

After this discussion, Harding Township committeepersons stated their views:

1. Bartlett – supports the rezoning with three conditions (1) lights out at 9PM, (2) complete the deed restriction on the 25 acre plot (between the proposed field and Sand Spring Rd properties) as it was supposed to have been executed decades ago), and (3) full review of a detailed document by the Harding Planning Board. In explaining his position, Bartlett said that the Planning Board has been concerned about the development of the property for a long time. But he also believes that it is not right or fair to deny a property owner (in this case SK Properties) the ability to develop their land. He said “two ball fields are a reasonable use”. In addition, he stated his view that the rumored “mega-churches from Newark” interested in the property were not realistic and that this veiled threat (essentially, “rezone it or else you’ll get mega-churches from Newark”) was not appropriate.
2. Murray – supported the rezoning saying that MT had been responsive to the objections of Harding, that there is a dearth of fields in the area and that without the lights the cost cannot be justified.
3. Rybka – “not sure” that he could support it at this time. Saying that his obligation is to Harding residents, he said the lighting is still problematic and he wants further proof that the lights are not offensive and wants to hear comments from the public.
4. Ward – “would vote no tonight”. He too said lighting was still an issue. He wanted to see further proof of the performance of the specified lighting.
5. Lanzerotti – He supported the use of the land as ball fields but did not support lights of any kind. He mentioned three concerns (1) intensity of

land use into the night, (2) the precedent this would set for more night lighting in Harding, and (3) the deed restriction on the 25 acre plot.

The TC left the door open as no resolution was proposed or voted.

Instead action was postponed pending more information on the lighting including a trip to the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital complex where identical lighting is to be installed.

Presentations

1. Representative of the US Fish & Game Dept regarding the status of the access road to the new Visitor Center for the Great Swamp. From what Thumbnail could see, the access road will begin at Lee's Hill Road and connect to Pleasant Plains Road, though there will be a gate to prevent through traffic.

2. Bayne Park Committee. Committee chair, Mike Meade, detailed a long list of maintenance and improvement actions (ex. signage, grass, leave, cleaning benches and tables, gravel plants, algae treatment, etc) that had been taken over the last year. It was noted that the park is getting more public usage. More work needs to be done next year, such as replacement of the pond aerator and repair of the shed, including electrical service. The Committee was commended for their all volunteer efforts.

From the Chair – Pedestrian Safety on Village Road

Mayor Lanzerotti and the Harding Police Chief met with County engineers regarding threats to pedestrian safety in the section of Village Road between Millbrook Road and Blue Mill Road. The county said that the speed limit cannot be lowered as 85% of the traffic flow is already at 31 mph. There is a sign for cars to yield to pedestrians but it is ineffective partly because it is obscured by foliage but more likely because drivers ignore such signs and partly no ordinance allows police to ticket cars that do not yield. A formal cross walk between the post office and the building with the Chase Bank was contemplated. The township committee is open to suggestions.

Hearing Persons Present – Glen Alpin

A member of the public asked about the status of Glen Alpin project. (Glen Alpin is antique house at the corner of Rt 202 and Tempe Wick Road that was purchased by Harding using a combination of township, county and state money but has been put on hold as the cost to renovate the building turned out to be well beyond projections.) Four items were mentioned: (1) A request for proposal for a marketing agent to find interest in the property has been sent out. One firm has declined to act as marketing agent. (2) The next meeting of the committee that is working on disposition of Glen Alpin will be held on Sept 30. (3) HVAC contractors are being pre-qualified. HVAC work will be funded by a grant

that has been awarded, but has not yet been received. (4) A report on Glen Alpin related spending is being prepared. It will be made public when completed.

Planning Board, July 28, 2008

Discussion on ordinance 12-08, increasing Developer fees, past meeting discussed increases originally raised from 2% to 3% for non residents but due to legislative action the fee was changed from 3% to 2.5% to be compliance. Vote was unanimous

Susan Kimball discussed affordable housing update. COAH new regulations has the Twp.'s obligation now at 35 units. 5 surplus credits from prior years hoped to be used Group home in Harding (on Tiger Lilly Lane) is worth 5 credits as each adult with bedroom is equal to a credit. The additional 25 credits needed will be explored by a sub committee comprised of 2 Twp. Bd members and 2 planning Bd members. Another Group home and 10 auxiliary unit apartments were going to be given consideration. Deadline on proposed plan needs to be submitted to COAH by 12/31/08.

Bd of Adjustment members William Keefauver and Philip Rosenbach presented various issues that have come before the Board that needed guidance/input from the Planning Bd. Houses under construction that appear to be taking very long time to complete and have construction debris and bins; is there someway to limit terms of permit ? Suggestion from Planning Bd that Mary Ellen Balady be asked if this was in fact a big enough issue to explore ordinance.

Relief to property owners who have non conforming lots and must apply for variance that conforming lot owners do not have to obtain. Marshall Barlett proposed an ordinance change.

Split lot zoning lines on building lot : Bd of Adjustment asked to start cataloging the number of split lot issues that come before them as careful consideration has to be taken as rezoning did take place after the last Master Plan was done.

Deer fence, variance needed for higher height as allowable height is not adequate: Bd members' reaction that corridors of fences not ascetically pleasing

Light Intensity on properties: many residents over doing landscaping/security lighting. Planning Bd feels there is need to explore this issue and suggestions made that possibly Environmental Comm. educate the public about existing ordinances and saving energy. Awareness campaign with Isobel Olcott, John Murray and David Dietz will work on educational pamphlet.

New shed for dumpster at Recycling center, funds had already been approved from capital expenditures.

No Planning Board meetings in August or September.

Board of Adjustment, June 19, 2008

Request for Extension of Time

Edward and Kathryn Szurkowski, 47 Blue Mill Road, Block 19 Lot 12.02 Zone R-

1; Request for a 1-year extension of time granted

Pending Applications

Kenneth A. Gruskin (Applicant), **Steven and Beverly Rubenstein** (Owners), 19 Wildlife Run, Block 15 Lot 22.04 Zone R1, "C" Variance; A site inspection was conducted on June 5, 2008. The driveway plans were adjusted in attempt to save trees. In addition, pervious concrete would be utilized to address water concerns. There was public comment from neighbors opposing the application. During the meeting the applicant agreed not to change the existing driveway. The applicant did not agree to the Board's suggestion to bifurcate the requested variances. The Board recommended that the application be denied.

Nicole and Donato Maselli, 628 Spring Valley Road, Block 2 Lot 5 Zone R1, "C" Variance; The vote to approve the application at the prior meeting included only four members of the Board and five are needed. A new vote was taken and the Resolution was approved.

New Applications

Jeff and Shauna Ratliff, 7 Long Hill Road, Block 17 Lot 45 Zone R1 / R2, "C" Variance; Existing non-conforming lot (split lot R1&R2). A variance is needed for lot coverage and building coverage. The well will be moved and the septic system will not be affected. Lot coverage will be reduced. Recommended for approval.

Michele Bocchi, 2 Glen Eagles Drive, Block 48 Lot 7.05 Zone R1, "C" Variance; A setback variance is needed for a deck and patio addition. Recommended for approval with no fireplace.

New Vernon Coach & Motor Works (Applicant), **Eleanor and Jay Smith** (Owners), 960 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Block 35.01 Lot 1 Zone B-2, "C" Variance A sign variance is needed. The existing standing sign will be removed. Recommended for approval.

Charles and Kristine Hintz, 200 Lee's Hill Road, Block 47 Lot 5 Zone R-1, "C" Variance; Existing non-conforming lot (side setback issue). The proposed addition in the rear of the house, to enlarge the kitchen, would be conforming. The Historic Preservation Committee is ok with the addition. Recommended for approval.

Board of Adjustment, July 17, 2008

Resolutions – Approved

Kenneth A. Gruskin (Applicant), **Steven and Beverly Rubenstein** (Owners), 19 Wildlife Run, Block 15 Lot 22.04 Zone R1

Jeff and Shauna Ratliff, 7 Long Hill Road, Block 17 Lot 45 Zone R1 / R2

Michele Bocchi-Sandello, 2 Glen Eagles Drive, Block 48 Lot 7.05 Zone R1

New Vernon Coach & Motor Works (Applicant), **Eleanor and Jay Smith** (Owners)

960 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Block 35.01 Lot 1 Zone B-2

Charles and Kristine Hintz, 200 Lee's Hill Road, Block 47 Lot 5 Zone R-1

Pending Application

Daniel and Samantha Anderson, 613 Van Beuren Road, Block 5 Lot 7.09 Zone RR, "C" Variance; Several variances are needed including building area, lot coverage, setback, impervious coverage and height. The applicant has agreed to remove a concrete pad. Several neighbors provided public comment opposing the application and suggesting the use of landscaping. The Historic Preservation Committee opined that the proposed shed was consistent with the street. A site inspection was scheduled for July 30, 2008, at 5:30pm. The application was carried until the August meeting.

New Applications

Harding Property LLC, 55 Red Gate Road, Block 6 Lot 2.01 Zone R1, "C" Variance; The lot is a flag lot and a 3 acre property in a 5 acre zone. The application was bifurcated into Part A, related to a variance for impervious coverage, and Part B, a setback variance for a proposed generator. The applicant agreed to reduce the driveway to 12 feet wide. In addition, the Historic Preservation Committee raised a concern regarding some pillars on the property. Part A was recommended for approval with revised plans. Part B was carried until the August meeting.

Miller, Hasbrouck and Donna, 15 Lindsley Road, Block 50 Lot 6 Zone R-1, "C" Variance; Existing non-conforming house. A variance is needed for a kitchen bump out. The addition would be conforming. The application was recommended for approval.

Wightman Farms Inc., 1200 Mt. Kemble Avenue Block 46 Lot 10.03 Zone OB, "C" Variance

The tenant appeared. Variances are requested for a proposed covered patio in front of the building. The variances included front yard, side yard and impervious coverage. Currently the property is non-conforming in these areas. The proposed application would not change the current side yard encroachment and would increase the encroachment for the front yard and impervious coverage. The Historic Preservation Committee had some recommendations for the application. The application was recommended for approval with accurate numbers on the survey.

Board of Adjustment, August 21, 2008

Pending Application

Daniel and Samantha Anderson, 613 Van Beuren Road, Block 5 Lot 7.09 Zone RR, "C" Variance; Request for 1 month adjournment granted

Harding Property LLC (Part 2), 55 Red Gate Road, Block 6 Lot 2.01 Zone R1, "C" Variance; A setback variance is requested for a generator. A site inspection was scheduled for September 4, 2008, at 6:00pm.

New Applications

Johanna Geraghty, 79 Primrose Trail, Block 40 Lot 7.01 Zone R-4

A variance is requested for coverage, building area and rear setback. The project involves the updating of an antiquated "Cape Cod" home. The roof is being removed and there will be a new floor plan for the first floor. A site inspection was scheduled for September 4, 2008, at 6:30pm.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE announces that the 2008/2009 Hunting Season extends from September 13, 2008, bow hunting; through February 14, 2009. Hunting with firearms will take place in December, January and February. Bow hunting is permitted throughout the season.

The deer harvest continues to decline, indicative of a reduction in the excessive deer population, confirmed by the decline in motor vehicle accidents. Progress is being made in bringing the deer population to levels considered healthy for the environment, but the problem is still not resolved. Wildlife experts assume that an acceptable level is 15-20 deer per sq. mile, compared to current estimate of 30-35.

Hunting on Township Property

As in prior years, the township has agreed to open the following properties to hunting or driving of deer as indicated:

Block 46 Lot 4.01	Bailey's Mill and Young's Road	driving
Block 35.01 Lot 18	Rt. 202/287 & Glen Alpin Road:	bow
Block 8 Lot 9.01	Margetts Field	bow hunting
Block 2 Lot 18	Waterman property	bow hunting
Block 23 Lot 1	Gatehouse property	bow hunting

Board of Education/School News

Historic Preservation Comm. No reports

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: The **DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are October 3 and November 7**, respectively. Current and past issues of Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are also on our Website: <http://www.hardingcivic.org>. Send questions or comments about Thumbnail to editor, **email address: hesnaj@verizon.net**, or the Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Commingled Recyclables: consists of all aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, and only plastic bottles and containers with the Recycling symbol, and #1 or #2. Try to crush plastic bottle to conserve space. Please remember no plastic or paper bags.

Commingled Mixed Paper recycling; consists of all paper, cardboard, newspaper, office paper, magazines, and books. Please put loose or shredded paper in paper bag. Please flatten all boxes or fill with other paper products.

Other accepted items; Batteries; automotive (car) and household (rechargeable accepted); Computers and all related peripherals, i.e. printers and monitors; Automotive and light truck tires, (on or off rim) and Propane tanks (BBQ size only)

The Hours of operation are every Wednesday from 7AM. to noon (7– 9AM self service); and **Saturdays:10/4,10/18, 11/1, 11/22, 12/6,12/20, 9AM to noon.**

DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings as noted.

Municipal Court (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	4 PM
Municipal Court (2 nd and 4 th Friday)	11AM
Environmental Commission (1 st Monday)	7:30 PM
Seniors (2 nd and 4 th Thursday)Chrst KingCh	11 AM
Planning Board (4 th Monday)	7:30 PM
Hist Preservtion Comm (1stThursday)	8 PM
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
Township Committee(1 st and 3 rd Wed)	7:30 PM
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday)	3 PM
Harding Twp Civic Association (1 st Monday)	7:30 PM