

Harding Township Civic Association

PO Box 72 – New Vernon, New Jersey 07976

SEPTEMBER 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fire Department Auction Saturday, September 28th

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 60th Annual Auction on **Saturday, September 28th** 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. Reserved seats 7AM.

The **HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE** announced that the **annual curbside clean-up** will commence on **Monday September 30**. 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 devices. Any questions please call Tracy Toribio, at the Harding Township dept of Public Works, 973-267-2448.

POST-CLEAN-UP CLEAN-UP, Saturday, October 26, 2013, 10am to 1pm **Kemmerer Library Parking Lot**

The Kemmerer Library and Environmental Commission, along with the Department of Public Works, are hosting a Post-Clean-Up Clean Up recycling event. With the assistance of a professional security firm, Township residents can shred paper documents, retrieve a hard drive from an old computer or dispose of electronic devices. To ensure confidentiality, our professionals will take your recycling materials from your trunk to the on-site, state-of-the-art shredding equipment for destruction while you watch! Shredding -\$5 per shopping bag/5 bags for \$20; Hard drive removal - \$10/computer.

OPEN SPACE CELEBRATION “Loan Burning” and Margetts Field Bluegrass Concert on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2-6PM, to Celebrate Harding Open Space Milestone. Twenty years ago, Harding Township obtained a loan to purchase the 46-acre Margetts Field for open space. The acquisition of this breathtaking property along Blue Mill Road across from Van Beuren Road was the first of many elements in Harding’s extraordinarily successful open space preservation efforts.

On October 20th Harding Residents are invited to a “Loan Burning” ceremony and Bluegrass concert to celebrate the recent retirement of the loan and recognize Harding Township’s residents for their significant support of open space preservation and conservation. The celebration will include three hours of excellent bluegrass music, hay wagon rides and pony rides, free of charge to Harding residents and friends. ***Special thanks to the Margetts Family Foundation, especially Tom Margetts and Cynthia Margetts Robinson, for their generous support for this event.***

Several volunteer committees from Harding Township will be on hand to share information and displays about their groups’ missions. Included will be those organizations actively involved in preserving and conserving Harding Township’s open space – a hallmark of the rural heritage and charm that is at the core of the historic and social fabric of our special community.

The festival will be held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and includes three hours of toe-tapping bluegrass music from two bands: Kickin’ Grass, an award winning band from North Carolina and Hub Hollow, a well-known local group with strong roots in Harding Township. Barbequed ‘dogs and burgers will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, kick back to the music and enjoy one of the best views in Harding. For more information or questions contact hardingbluegrass@gmail.com.

Maintenance and clean-up of the woods adjoining the Margetts Field, at the corner of Featherbed Lane, has been completed after Sandy damage. In addition, The Margetts Foundation has contributed to

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removal of undergrowth next to Blue Mill Rd. Residents might also have remarked on the beauty of the hay baling operation recently conducted in the field.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT: FLU CLINICS:

The Health Department flu clinics are scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013 and Tuesday, October 8, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Harding Township Municipal Building. The flu shots are free of charge for Harding Township residents 65 and older and those with chronic illnesses requiring a flu shot as verified by a doctor's note. Please wear short sleeves and **bring a copy of your Medicare card and Insurance card.** No appointment necessary for flu clinics.

PNEUMONIA IMMUNIZATION: If you are interested in a Pneumonia immunization and you are a resident 65 and older and have not received one in the past, please call 973-267-8000 x 1974 to make an appointment.

THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

Fall operating hours: **Monday-Friday: 10-5. Saturday: 10-1. Sunday: 12-3.**

The Library will be closed Saturday, September 28, for the annual Auction.

Children's Programs: Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Children aged 1-4 listen to stories, sing songs and do a craft. **Wednesdays, 11 am: Pre-K Play Group and Lunch Bunch.** Games, play and bring your lunch. **Baby Play Group: Thursdays, 10:30 am.** Moms and babies, 6 months-12 months of age, meet to play/chat and sing songs.

Children's Special Events: Fairy Fest, Wednesday, October 2, 4:00 pm. Dress up in your fairy finest, listen to a Daisy Meadows story, and make a cute craft. Kindergarten and up. **Pumpkin Hunt, Wednesday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.** Find and decorate pumpkins just in time for Halloween. For children ages 4-94. *Registration required for both events, please.*

Gray Power – 50 Shades of Taking Charge. Starts Thursday, October 3, 11 a.m. Don't miss our new, timely series of workshops on retirement related topics. Great for both the "sandwich generation" and retirees. Light lunch will be served. *Registration required, please.*

iPhone Workshops: Starts Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 p.m. Caitlin Trought, expert on everything Apple will lead the workshops. Basics, apps, organizing information, syncing content, and more will be covered. \$5 suggested donation per meeting. *Membership limited to 15, so register soon.*

Yarn Circle Knitting Club, alternate Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. October 2, 16, and 30. Join us for conversation, inspiration and instruction by the fireplace. Fun for beginners and experienced knitters.

Mat Yoga: Mondays at 10:30 am. Gentle Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Starting September 30. All are welcome in MJ Turnbull's classes. Suggested donation of \$10 per session.

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 pm. This month's selection is The Round House by Louise Erdrich. From a master story teller: a tale of a young boy's search for justice on a Native American reservation.

Mah Jongg Club, Thursdays, 12-2 pm. Starts October 17: Beginner and intermediary play. New members welcome. Registration and information at the Library. Modest instruction fee.

The Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, announces a sale to benefit Hurricane Sandy victims:

Women's New, Brand Name Clothing Sale, **Saturday, October 5 from 10 am until 2 pm** at the church Fellowship Hall, 2 Lee's Hill Road. All items, sized small to extra large, will be priced at \$5.

June Tamburro, studying to be a Methodist deacon, and participating in a Rutgers program to provide college courses to prisoners in the NJ state prison system, will present a program on her work with Prison Ministry on **Sunday, October 6, at 11:30 a.m.** at the New Vernon Presbyterian Church in Fellowship Hall. The public is welcome.

TOWNSHIP NEWS:

Township Committee Meeting – August 12

All members attend except Mayor Lanzerotti. Deputy Mayor Platt held the gavel.

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Two new Class II (part time) officers hired for Harding Police department. Twenty people applied for the positions. Both officers have relevant law enforcement experience in other communities.

Funding for ShowGrounds maintenance. The TC accepted a directed donation of \$7K from the Bridal Path Association to go to replace the post & rail fence at the Show Grounds, the equestrian park at Sand Spring Road and Lane. The Township will lay out another \$3,145 to complete the funding of the job.

The representative of the Bridal Path Assoc. also gave a brief overview of the history of horses in Harding.

Deer Hunt Approved. The TC accepted the Wildlife Association's annual report and once again authorized bow hunting of deer on public lands during deer season from September 14 to February 16 but not on Sat and Sunday. All shots are from a raised stand pointing downward. Though impossible to measure accurately, the deer population is thought to be "way down" given the low number of auto accidents involving deer (11 last year) and the low harvest (63 in 2012 versus 300 in 2001). Even so, with the goal to prevent the serious damage to new tree and plant growth and allow our forests to recover, the plan is to keep the pressure on population.

Change to Zoning Regulations regarding Lot Coverage. TC approved a modification to our zoning laws regarding how accessory structures (barns, sheds, and the like) figure in lot coverage calculations. Currently these structures are not part of the calculation, but residents have been converting these into more substantial and elaborate structures, the Board of Adjustment thought it best to have an ability to regulate this activity.

Six Acre Property Donation Accepted...But With Controversy and Confusion. The TC voted to accept a six acre parcel of land between Rt 202 and I-287, near the Minute Man Restaurant. No public funds were used and there is no environmental contamination, the public was told. Harding can use the parcel to its benefit in the future – sell it, donate it, and use it for COAH housing. The property was originally owned by Wightman Farms and was part of a larger parcel (that included what is now Primrose Preserve) before the I-287 was built. This six acre parcel was removed from the deal with Primrose Partner when Harding acquired Primrose Preserve for open space preservation. It is unclear why Primrose Partners, a profit driven investment group, would simply donate a valuable piece of property to Harding Township without compensation. Resident Mike Meade, tried to get clarification about the deal, but his questions were largely brushed aside with the explanation that the focus was to vote to accept or reject the donation of the land.

When that controversy abated, Judie Ward of Tempe Wick Road, suggested that this six acre parcel would be an excellent location for the cell phone tower currently planned for the Seventh Day Adventist Church site; a site which is strongly opposed by local residents. This suggestion was rejected because it is the "eleventh hour", there is "no guarantee that T-Mobile would get approval for that site" and that the site was considered in March of last year but that it was considered "too far south". The residents are frustrated because the powers that be (Planning Board, TC) do not appear to be working on behalf of residents and in fact are feel they are being treated as antagonists. Residents fully recognize that telecom carriers have a regulatory obligation to build out their systems and that they must ultimately be allowed a site somewhere. However, the actual availability of this site is a recent development and residents are frustrated that it is not being given serious consideration.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, Agenda, August 15, 2013

Resolutions

1. Application #BOA-11-13
Charles and Whitney Saunders
236 Blue Mill Road, Block 9 Lot 11; variance to allow expansion of non-conforming residence
2. Application # BOA-13-13
Joseph Cervone
26 White Deer Lane, Block 2 Lot 26; variance to install generator
- Application # BOA-14-13
3. Patricia Casey and Patrick Rossi
53 Long Hill Road, Block 17 Lot 34; variance to enlarge residence

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Pending Applications

1. Application # BOA-12-13
MAD HEP LLC (Contract Purchaser)
Valley National Bank (Owner)
6 Village Road, Block 17 Lot 58
(c & d) variances to allow construction of a single family dwelling
(c) variance to allow installation of a generator
2. Application #BOA-03-13
Eric and Christine Lundberg
7 Orchard Drive, Block 17 Lot 29
“C” Variance to allow construction of detached garage
Applicant request to carry to 9/19/13 meeting

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, August 20, 2013

Application # BOA-23-10
T-Mobile Northeast LLC, New Cingular Wireless PC and Sectorsite, LLC (Applicants)
NJ Conference 7th Day Adventists (Owner)
501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33 Lot 9, Zone RR
This application for a **cell tower was approved**, although the conditions have to be written and officially read at the next meeting. However, for all practical purposes, the cell tower in the Church parking lot will be constructed eventually.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, JULY 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT, Karl Meister, Richard Bruno, Richard Clew, Nanette DiTosto, Diane Hinds, Sharon Krizko, John Murray, Nicolas Platt and Hugh Symonds ALSO PRESENT Chris Allyn, Ellie Weiner

Easement Stewardship — K. Meister stressed the goal to bring the Easement Stewardship project to a conclusion and identified two key issues: (1) ongoing record keeping of easements, which should be managed by a specific function of the township administration; and (2) ongoing monitoring of easements, which should be managed by township volunteers in partnership with the holders of the easements. The consensus was in support of the key issues as mentioned, that the EC should assume the leadership in the monitoring process, and that it will request collaboration in this endeavor from the township administration, HLT, HOST, the Bridle Path Association and other entities as applicable.

Energy Efficiency - R. Bruno indicated that he has not yet received a response to his request from Gail McKane for a meeting to discuss usage information on police vehicles and energy bills. R. Clew suggested that it might be more time-efficient to provide specifics to Ms. McKane and to get redirected to Tracy Toribio, DPW, for the information. Mr. Bruno agreed to follow up.

Community Outreach and Engagement — Mr. Murray reported that the luncheon with ANJEC will take place in August. The proposed dates are August 7 - 9, 12 — 14 or 20 — 23. He requested that the committee members who plan to attend, communicate their preferences to him.

Roadside Cleanup — R. Clew reported that despite the cold weather, 40+ residents participated in the clean-up activities on April 20. 18-20 roads were cleared of debris. Currently, there is no tonnage figure available. H. Symonds added that approximately 200 tree seedlings were distributed to those who participated.

Management of Trees in the township — E. Weiner reported that she has not yet spoken with Justine Kovacs to clarify the issue of who has ultimate authority in the township to approve action on the disposal and maintenance of trees. She will work with S. Krizko to organize a meeting with Ms. Kovacs and report at the next committee meeting about her findings.

Annual Report — K. Meister completed a first draft of the report. It is due to G. McKane by August 28, 2013. The report is scheduled to be presented to the TC at its regular meeting on Sept. 16.

EASEMENT STEWARDSHIP - DATABASE — Chris Allyn

Mr. Allyn presented an update on the status of record keeping on easements for the Easement Stewardship project. The following recommendations were proposed by the EC:

Reduce the number of monitoring visits by visiting easement clusters rather than individual easements; Capture the data so that all interested groups have access to information regarding land use and monitoring responsibility and frequency; Add a data field describing "Easement

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Type"; Distinguish Information Database from Visit Database. K. Meister led a discussion regarding the steps required to accomplish the goals of the project. R. Bruno made a motion to recommend to the TC and the Technology Commission that they provide funding and approve the continuation of the project. S. Krizko seconded the motion. J. Murray then made a motion to amend the recommendation, stating that the TC and the Technology Commission need only approve the continuation of the project and the EC's choice of a technology for the data base, because funding will be provided by the EC from an ANJEC grant. By voice vote, all were in favor. Mr. Meister agreed to send a corresponding communication to the TC.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Board (PB) — N. DiTosto stated that the purchase of Lot 19 of the Frelinghuysen property has been approved and that the Frelinghuysen application PB 01-13 has passed the Planning Board Ms. DiTosto further indicated that HLT has submitted an application for acquisition of Frelinghuysen Lot 4.03.

Board of Adjustment (BOA) — H. Symonds reported that T-Mobile has resubmitted a cell tower application, and that the new application provides for installation of the cell tower farther away from Rte. 202. The BOA is processing the new request. There were no suggestions for further input on the matter from the EC.

Mr. Symonds also reported on a notification from the Federal Highway Administration on a project of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge to rehabilitate Pleasant Plains Road. He will review the notification and make a recommendation to the committee as to whether it should comment on the notification.

Citizen's Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) — no report.

Shade Tree — no report.

Bridle Path — D. Hinds reported that the pony club is teaching Land Use rules as part of its training curriculum.

OTHER BUSINESS

K. Meister advised that there are two (2) vacancies on the Commission (due to the resignation of James Morgan and the election of Nanette DiTosto to the TC) and suggested that Larry Wepler and/or Matt and Kathy Sheeley be approached as to their interest in joining the Commission. N. Platt indicated that the Sheeleys were asked to join the BOA a few years back but declined. Since committee appointments are under the jurisdiction of the TC, K. Meister will send G. McKane former approvals (Sept. 29, 2011) of the Sheeleys and of Larry Wepler for membership in the Commission, for follow up.

PUBLIC COMMENT, None.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS REACHED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE

No action items for the Environmental Commission arose from the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, CPAC and Bridle Path Liaison Reports.

With regard to the Easement Stewardship program, K. Meister will send a letter to the TC and the Technology Commission asking for approval to go forward with the project of establishing the easement database.

Concerning Energy Efficiency, R. Bruno will email G. McKane specifics regarding the cost of energy consumption by the township administration and request permission to partner with T. Toribio to obtain data relating to electric and vehicular expenses of the township.

Regarding Community Outreach and Engagement, EC members interested in attending the ANJEC luncheon for an experience exchange on environmental matters, should contact J. Murray. All are asked to provide questions.

With regard to Management of Trees in the township- E. Weiner will contact Justine Kovacs for clarification and make a report at the next meeting.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On August 12, Karl Meister appeared at the TC meeting to present the annual Resolution to open certain parcels of township property to bow hunting and driving of deer. After much discussion, the Resolution was approved as presented.

New this year to the list of properties covered was the township-owned 15 acre parcel of Primrose Preserve. However, the 99 acre balance of this property is owned and managed by the Harding

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Land Trust and not covered by this Resolution. Representatives of the HLT indicated that they were formulating plans for their parcel and would expand on that at the Hunter Workshop scheduled for August 29th.

Also on August 29, WMC held its regular quarterly meeting, inviting HTL representatives to further discuss hunting Primrose. At that meeting it was reported that a record number of hunters, some new, some returning, had applied for permission to hunt on Township properties. Several had expressed an interest in all of Primrose, as well as in the Eggert property owned by the Township, but which was not included in the August 12th Resolution.

Plans were made to seek TC approval for the Eggert piece at the September 9th meeting. The HLT Board meets on the 10th, at which time they will address hunter access to their Primrose parcel.

Some restrictions are likely considering public access. Currently expressed WMC goal is to have the same rules for entire Primrose parcel and to allow hunters to work out their own arrangements for sharing access within any restrictions. Both WMC and HLT are working toward firming up all policies so hunters can be notified prior to September 14th, the start of hunting season. Other actions planned or taken at the Aug 29th WMC meeting were: (a) WMC's intent to urge the new Superintendent of the National Historic Park in Jockey Hollow to proceed with all due speed on deer management plans for Jockey Hollow via a letter to be signed by the Chair of the TC, (b) rejection of a member's suggestion to urge hunters to restrict their killing to does for maximum population control and (c) thanks extended to Chris Allyn and Margot Kaye for all the work involved in registering hunters for this season. Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 5th.

HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, August 19, 2013

The new Principal, Mr. Spelker, gave a brief report on his review of the curriculum and how the coming school year will begin. One new feature will be an extended home room period on Tuesdays to discuss "social and emotional elements" with the students such as teamwork, caring for each other, and personal responsibility. If a calamitous event has occurred within the last week that might be troubling, then this would be an opportunity to discuss that.

The Board questioned how the updated curriculum would be monitored. Mr. Spelker replied that he reviews the monthly lesson plans prepared by the teachers, both he and the Superintendent typically make daily visits to the classrooms, and the test results provide an assessment of performance.

The Administrator, Mr. Blake, gave a report on the progress of the various summer projects. Several items were of note:

The window and Univent air-conditioning project progresses with minor modifications.

The contract for the repair and inspection of playground equipment has been completed.

Lock-down hardware for security is being installed

The Superintendent stated that procedures based on the Morris County Prosecutor's office and Homeland Security recommendations were being developed and implemented. Appropriate training will be given to the students as part of this implementation. The Board discussed that the large number of School Board Policies needed to be catalogued into a data base to enable the review process to proceed more efficiently. An Ad Hoc Policy Committee was formed and headed by Kim Macaulay.

(Note: the purpose of this brief report is to help Harding residents connect with the School by highlighting significant items addressed by the Board. The "meeting minutes" are filed by the Board Secretary and placed on the Harding School website for all to view, generally about a month after the meeting date.)

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Meeting June 24, 2013

Roll Call: Messrs. dePoortere, Dietz and Schliefer absent.

Announcements/Reports/Presentations

- Mr. Saulnier reported that the Township Committee will be interviewing candidates to replace Susan Kimball as the town planner. Ms. Kimball is retiring.
- Mr. Saulnier mentioned that he attended a Great Swamp Watershed Association meeting on June 11th that included a presentation on a study of water quality and the impact of land use on water quality.

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- Mr. Saulnier wondered if anyone could comment on the two bills in front of the state legislature on Green Acres funding. Ms. Olcott said that the bills were not sent back to committee, and Mr. Falcon said that legislation had been passed by one house and it was going to the other.
- Ms. Olcott reported that the Advisory Review Committee had another meeting with the Historic Preservation regarding the demolition delay ordinance and that they were to meet again in August.
- There was then some discussion about the need for a Property Maintenance ordinance. The Township Committee received a letter from a concerned citizen, and it was passed to the Board. Ms. Olcott reviewed past discussion about PODs, trailers, debris and so on, and that the town engineer and building inspector could handle construction issues. The Board was not aware of many complaints in this area, and was not persuaded that it needed to review the matter again. It was agreed that Mr. Saulnier would reply to the Township committee, saying that the matter had been reviewed and there was no need to do again at this time.

Application

PB-02-13, **Applicant Van Buren Farms Associates**, Block 7, Lots 4.02, 4.04 and 4.07 and 10.04, James Street and Griffin Lane, Minor Subdivision, Special Flood Hazard Development Approval. Action: Completeness Review. The plan is to make three lots into two; Lot 4.04 was not included in a previous proposal. Request is for waiver of completeness for (1) the topographic map for the building box, (2) the LOI from the DEP for Lot 4.04, and (3) soil erosion and sediment control information. Request approved.

PB-01-13, **Applicant The Estate of Peter Frelinghuysen**, Block 22, Lots 3, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 4.01, 4.02, and 4.03, Sand Spring Lane and James Street, Amended Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision/Variance Approval. Action: Continue Public hearing. Revised plans were submitted per the agreement at last meeting. Ms. Olcott asked the applicant's engineer to run through the revised plan. Lots 3.02, 4.02 and 4.03 will have combined access using the staff of 4.02. Sheet four of the revised plans shows conceptual houses and shared access. The engineer said that he had reviewed the draft resolution made some suggested changes. Mr. Fox then covered several items that needed to be addressed: (1) zoning table does not show frontage value for some of the lots, (2) the alignment of the driveway for Lot 4.02, (3) sight distances at flag staff driveway entrances, and (4) revised storm water management report was missing. Revisions to the resolution covering the items were noted. Motion to approve the resolution was approved.

Planning Board Meeting July 22, 2013

Roll Call: Ms. Moriarty absent.

Announcements/Reports/Presentations

- Mr. Saulnier reported that two candidates for the planning position were interviewed last week, with one or two more to be interviewed soon.
- Ms. DiTosto reported that HOST was looking at a possible deer bow hunt on the Primrose property.
- Ms. Olcott reported that the Advisory Review committee had met again to discuss the demolition ordinance, and would likely discuss at the September Planning Board meeting.
- Mr. Schliefer reported that there would be a special meeting on the Board of Adjustment on August 20th to discuss the cell tower situation.

Application

PB-02-13, **Applicant Van Buren Farms Associates**, Block 7, Lots 4.02, 4.04 and 4.07 and 10.04, James Street and Griffin Lane, Minor Subdivision, Special Flood Hazard Development Approval. Action: Continue public hearing. By way of review, three vacant lots are being made into two: Lot 4.07 is being merged into 4.02; a piece of 4.02 is being added to 4.04; minor changes have been made to lot access; and the shared drive has been reconfigured. Mr. Fox covered several comments from a memo he had written to the Board regarding the application: 4.04 includes flag that goes to Griffin Lane; extend conservation easement across 4.04; show that proposed home will be above flood line; need detailed plans for shared drive improvements and storm water management; no changes to proposed bridle trails; need landscaping plans (screen between 4.04 flag staff and home on 4.03); and need cistern built and filled. Mr. Hall proposed that the application be approved subject to new and revised agreements and changes. The Board approved the application subject to a revised resolution.

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The Planning Board Meeting for August 26 was cancelled.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, no report

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: The DEADLINES FOR THE next 3 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are October 4, November 2, and December 7. If you have announcements for early December, send in for November issue, please. 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. The Civic Association website, www.hardingcivic.org, is updated frequently; we post events sent to our e-mail address: submissions@hardingcivic.org.

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

The Hours of operation are every Wednesday from 7AM. to noon (7– 9AM self service); and every other **Sat.: 9AM to noon., Oct 5, 19; Nov 2. 23; Dec 7, 21.**

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); Automotive and light truck tires, (on or off rim) and Propane tanks (BBQ size only)

Computers, monitors, laptops and televisions cannot be put into household trash. However, they **can** be brought to the Harding Twp DPW recycling center at the regular hours of operation. Tracy Toribio of Harding Twp DPW will answer your recycling questions 973 267 2448, Mon- Fri 8:30 am to 3 pm.

A Township-wide Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for September 30, 2013.

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DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings as noted.

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 Preservation Comm (1stThursday)	7:30 PM
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	7:30 PM
Board of Education (1st and 3rd Monday)	7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM
Township Committee(3 rd Wed)	7:30 PM
Harding Open Space (2 nd Wed)	7:30 PM
Harding Twp Civic Association (2 nd Wed)	7:30 PM