

## ***Mayor Tim Jones***



Tim, his wife Jessica, and their family have lived in Harding since 2005. Tim and Jessica's three daughters attended the Harding Township School and Madison High School. They own and operate, with Jessica's family, Crewe Hill on Sand Spring Road. He has a background in operations management having worked for Verizon and its predecessor companies for 10 years prior to 2008. Tim currently owns a horse transport business and a small bioenergy company.

Tim holds a BA in Sociology from Fordham University

Prior to being elected to the Harding Township committee in 2015, Tim had been an active member of the Community. Serving on the Harding Land Trust as a trustee, vice president of Stewardship, and President over the course of six years beginning in 2009. He has served on the Harding Open Space Trust from 2010 to today, and a member of the Planning Board from 2014 to 2020.

Since being elected to the Township Committee he has served on various subcommittees; Construction, DPW, Glen Alpin, Finance, and Personnel to name a few. Leading the charge in finding a solution for Glen Alpin, Tim's innovative style, entrepreneurial vision, and perseverance have gotten Harding Township closer to a resolution than it ever has been for the restoration and use of the building that will balance the goals of preserving the mansion and enabling the public to access the property. The Diversion/Disposal process will find a steward for the building and Harding will gain 18 acres of preserved open space for our residents to enjoy. This project has been transformational for Harding and the State of New Jersey, not many municipalities have the support of their residents to preserve history and open space in this way. Harding residents' commitment to our open spaces have made the goal of preserving the original intent to restore Glen Alpin and give the public some use of the mansion an achievable goal. With the full support of the Township Committee and overwhelming public support we have been able to methodically work through this challenging process in a transparent, collegial way that will provide tremendous benefit to the community.

Tim has also been a leading voice in stewarding the Township through the challenging Affordable Housing settlement that was reached after several years of negotiation with the Fair Share housing Center. This intricate plan brought Harding's "obligation" down by more than 100 units. Our community is very small and those are the communities that have been targeted for an expansion of "affordable housing" throughout New Jersey. The settlement reached with the Fair Share Housing Center, while onerous, puts no direct financial obligation on the taxpayers of Harding.