



## Minutes December 1 - Monthly Meeting Hammonton Town Hall

### Green Committee Members:

Nick Berenato     Susan Coan     Gina DiMeglio     Ryan Entress     Nancy Fonte  
 Amy Menzel     Edwin Negroni     Kerri Patton     Lisa Puentes     Sara Verrillo

Friends of the Green Committee & other guests: Dan Bachalis, Linda Esposito, Barbara Neary

### Old Business:

1. Google Docs, Website & Digital Communication - Sara reported her communications re: EOFLS and Green Drinks; Sara will send out another e-mail
2. 2014 Eye Opening Film and Lecture Series – Lives Worth Living Nov. 19 – great documentary and discussion  
2015 – upcoming schedule: to be determined pending Nancy’s work plan
3. Green Committee Adopt a Road Clean Up - Sun. Nov 16 10 am - Amy reported that we had a very strong turn-out. With all the volunteer students we managed to clean up a significant amount of roadway. Amy thanked everyone for their help. Next scheduled clean-up will be either Jan 31 or Feb 7
4. Lake clean up – March date has not yet been set.
5. Budget: Amy will get an up-to-date balance and will continue a discussion at another meeting to discuss ideas.

### New Business

1. **Sustainable Jersey recertification** - Summary of status and opportunities – Reviewed the power point that details the many possible activities we can undertake to “sustain” our Silver status by deadline of Dec. 2016. Based on our review there are a number of opportunities to engage in new initiatives as well as to regain expired points from ongoing work and previous actions. We agreed to hold monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at Town Hall 7:30 - need GC members and friends to help!
2. **Community Garden meeting** –met on November 24 – considering the 11<sup>th</sup> Street site but need to get the soil tested. Amy has a resource that can likely do it. Dan will investigate the old environmental study of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street site. Suggestion: Barb suggested that we look into doing a GC project at the town owned property at Washington and Pleasant Streets. This site is used as an impromptu site for soccer by local youth. We can spruce it up! We could dedicate some of our financial account to help with expenses.

3. **Atlanticare grant application** – potential for GC involvement – Healthy Communities, Mayors Wellness Campaign, Community Garden, Safe Routes to school. Amy reported on the status of the new Family Success Center and how this center could create new opportunities for the town and for us to get involved with initiatives like the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign, Community Garden, etc.
4. **Water Resources** – partnering with ANJEC and Environmental Commission to educate/raise awareness. Amy would like to ask ANJEC to have a joint meeting with the GC and the EC. Dan reported that a sub meeting is being planned with ANJEC and town committee leadership.
5. **Action Plan for 2015** – for January meeting. Amy suggested we come prepared with ideas at the Jan meeting. Will also look at the 2014 plan to see what remains to be addressed!
6. **Working with HAC** – crafts during Christmas/Santa parade on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - who wants to volunteer to help with a kids craft at the center?
7. **Green Drinks** – upcoming: December 4 at Rocco’s 7 pm