



Minutes December 7, 2015 - Monthly Meeting Hammonton Town Hall

Green Committee Members:

Nick Berenato Gina DiMeglio Ryan Entress Nancy Fonte
 Amy Menzel Linda Esposito Kerri Patton Sara Verrillo

Friends of the Green Committee & other guests: Dan Bachalis, Barbara Neary and guests from NJ Future

New Jersey Future – Louise Wilson and Kandyce Perry made a presentation about work they are hoping could be done with Hammonton. They are choosing a select few towns within certain geographic parameters for a grant project “Mainstreaming Green Infrastructure” to improve water quality in the NJ Highlands and Pinelands. They would like to work with these pilot towns to provide training and technical assistance to improve water quality, reduce flooding and improve communities with green infrastructure. They were really impressed by the action Hammonton has taken to address water quality and supply issues.

1. Community Garden update - Town will provide water connection and approved garden expansion in 2016.
2. EOFLS – December 10 – Tossed Out: Food Waste in America
Guest speakers: Tom Foolery and Leipe Farms
3. Adopt a Road Clean up – last clean up - November 21. No high school volunteers participated. We really need additional outreach to get more participation. Sara will reach out to NHS at St. Joes (Sam Curcio, Lauren R.). Stockton students may also be looking for opportunities to do service. NEXT dates: January 18, April 9
4. Sustainable Jersey recertification – Next meeting: December 21 7:30
5. Community Wildlife Habitat Certification- Amy received a call from the NWF re: certification. Other communities have been particularly successful when subsidy for certification is available.
6. Schools - Recycling & Sustainable Jersey for Schools
Linda will send a letter to Dr. Blatchford to encourage registration for Sustainable Jersey for schools, stressing grant opportunities
7. Trex Bag Recycling for Bench – we are very close to our goal! 47 pounds to go. February is the end of collection.
8. Green Drinks – December 17 Tom Foolery – Dan will come up with dates for a schedule (every other month) for 2016
9. GC 2016 – nominating chair and new members
Sara Verrillo will serve as chair – Thank you Sara!!! Less active members will be contacted, active “friends” may be asked to step in.
10. 2015 work plan reviewed - we accomplished a lot! Thank you everyone!