



Minutes February 2, 2015 - Monthly Meeting Hammonton Town Hall

Green Committee Members:

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

Friends of the Green Committee & other guests: Dan Bachalis; Barbara Bachalis, Ellie Gibson

Council Representative: Micky Pullia

Old Business:

1. **Communications:** Google Docs; Website; Digital Comms:
Sara has drafted e-blast to publicize the upcoming activities - EOFLS, Adopt-a-Road; Green Drinks
2. **EOF&LS** – Nancy reported that we will be showing “A Garden Gate” Feb. 10 at 6:30 Stockton Room 301; - A flyer has been created that will be distributed. Amy will send notice to the local papers, and has notified the Master Gardeners
3. **Adopt-a-Road** – next clean-up is scheduled **for Sat. Feb 7 at 10am** ;
4. **Sustainable Jersey Recertification** – Monthly meetings 3rd Monday at Town Hall 7:30.

New Business

1. **Community Garden** – next steps Jan 22nd is soil testing. Amy reported that results show most of the tests showed “Below Detection Limits “LOD”; only one spot an appreciable measure of lead but was still well below the DEP limits. Overall - tests showed good results with little action needed; if desired we could mitigate via amendment with compost or additional soil. Given the plans to build straw bale or raised beds gardens the soil will not be a factor. Amy reported she is finalizing the application for a grant to AtlantiCare for \$500 which she will send out for comment– expect to submit the application soon. Amy asked for a lead from the GC to get the ball rolling. Barbara suggested asking Steve Gietka to get involved on a consulting basis. Nancy described the requirements that Sustainable Jersey sets out for its applicants to be awarded points under the program. Amy noted that we have done some informal canvassing of community interest. Sara suggested we also create a Facebook post to get broader awareness and interest. Amy will seek out a list of Hammonton Apartments as the residents may desire to have a garden. Nancy suggested that we enlist the Green Earth Club to help with construction - target April.
Publicity - **create** a post card announcing the community garden and inviting interested people to an info session – target March for one or two sessions at Canoe Club, Library, Pulte Homes

Need to Get water set up – Dan suggested we ask Jerry to help- Mikey suggested we send an email to Jerry.

Budget: will depend on AtlantiCare grant and the style of the bedding. Need to figure out whether we will charge a small rental fee for participants; determine the capacity of the site - assume 30 spaces; price of \$20 per plot

Set up planning meeting - Amy will reach out to Steve Gietka and the Master Gardeners and ID a date; Amy will seek out Edwin to translate any flyer to Spanish.

2. Lake Clean Up – February 28 – at 10am at the Canoe Club; great opportunity to set up table at the CC to promote our programs at Registration. Dan suggested we also have tables for Env./Lake Water Quality and ACUA.
3. Calendar – Amy asked we look at the Calendar and add/amend the schedule for anything we are missing . Downtown Clean up is March 21st at 9am. ;
4. **2015 Action Plan:** Amy reviewed the plan for Adopt-a-Road schedule; ACUA Earth Day – we need to have a table- perhaps water conservation or food miles; Hallo-Green Costume Swap; Water Conservation ; Continue Drop that Bag - ; Develop and Promote Green Business Program – perhaps have a table at the Chamber’s May Biz Expo; Increase Recycling - especially in the schools; Nancy highlighted the waste in the Cafeteria that could be addressed.
5. **Sustainable Jersey Hub Meeting** - Sustainable Schools - meeting on Feb. 3 in Corbin City ; Feb 21st at the Community Food Bank in EHT on food access.
5. **Green Drinks** Feb. 26th at Rocco’s
6. Open Floor – ideas, suggestions

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2 at 7pm.