



Minutes November 3 - 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: Cathy , Larry, Linda Esposito

Old Business:

1. Sara reported that we have a new newsletter that will go out to our followers soon.
2. EOF&LS – Nancy reported that we are set for the Nov. 19 film – “A Life Worth Living”
News release was distributed today; Slide is on Channel 9; Post-film discussion by Prof. Lydia Facticeau and Dan Bachalis
3. Adopt-a-Road – next clean-up is scheduled **for Sunday Nov. 16th** ; Amy reported that Dan shared with her the Town of Hammonton will begin to promote a municipal adopt-a-road for groups who are interested in doing a near-by road that is not a County Rd.
4. HalloGreen – October 11th 12-4pm at the Hammonton Library - Sara reported that we had a decent crowd this year but didn't have costumes for the older kids. We discussed the idea of moving the date/location for next year's event: perhaps do it at Green Day or Recycling Central; also have collections at the schools.
5. Sustainable Jersey Hub Meeting recap - Amy and Sara went to the Oct 22nd meeting at Atlantic Cape Community College - the topic was Resiliency, which is a new initiative for Sustainable Jersey. We may want to look at the requirements for assessment since it counts as points

New Business

1. **Community Garden** – due to the Hamilton twp. Meeting we are going to move the previously scheduled Community Garden meeting - November 24th at 7:30 at Casciano's.
2. **Hamilton Twp-** Amy reported Hamilton Twp. Will vote on proposal to create a Green Team on Nov. 10th; Amy encouraged the Committee to attend in support of the vote.
3. **Sustainable Jersey recertification** - monthly meetings (3rd Monday) 11/17 at Cascianos at 7:30; Amy reported that there is now a Sustainable Jersey for schools which will be a separate effort from the town's program. Committee reviewed SJ Program Updates for us to consider addressing.
4. **Water Resources** - Amy reported at the last Env.Comm meeting - ANJEC and reps from Pinelands came to the meeting to present details of a grant for communities in the Pinelands areas; based on a study , Hammonton was chosen as a target area/grant recipient due to our various water issues ; the

GC can work with ANJEC to id how to can develop messages to get out to the Hammonton public and schools- grant money will be used to help us with education and initiatives to support on water conservation;

We can work on theAmy pointed out that in spite of progress we still need to work on reducing water consumption. Nancy reminded us that our next EOF&L is on Water Conservation on June 17th

Amy will reach out to ANJEC to set a date for us to meet with us.

5. Holiday Activity - Committee decided we would try to do an event in conjunction with the bi-lingual partents meeting on a weekend ; while parents are in the session, kids can do a sustainable craft activity lead by us. Linda will check for dates.
6. Hammonton Arts - Amy reported that she reached out to the Hammonton Arts center; they are interested in partnering with us on a kids activity ; Amy will work with them to id an opportunity - perhaps during the Christmas Parade?
7. Green Drinks - December 4 at Roccas at 7pm.
6. Open Floor – ideas, suggestions

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Dec. 1 at 7pm