



Minutes March 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: Mica McCullough, Ellie Gibson, Dan Bachalis, Barbara Neary, Enrique Lago, Nick Bradford

Old Business

1. Google Docs, Website & Digital Communication - Sara continues to update website and social media. Garden information is being added. 2015 Eye Opening Film and Lecture Series. February's "A Garden Gate" was very successful, TED talks seem to be good choices; thought provoking and short, leads to opportunities for good discussion. Upcoming: May 16 American Nurse Project, Water Blues, Green Solutions on June 16
1. Green Committee Adopt a Road Clean Up – February 7 clean up had great turnout thanks to Ryan and Hammonton HS Green Earth Club. Lake Clean up postponed to March 14 due to snow
2. Sustainable Jersey recertification- Meetings will restart in June
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 1. Community Garden: At AtlantiCare's suggestion, a modified budget was submitted for a larger grant amount. Notice of award should be made very soon. Planning meeting set for Monday, March 9 at 7 pm, Town Hall 3rd floor meeting room. Sara will update website and get the word out on Facebook. An online form on the website will allow people to indicate interest and submit contact information. Flyers with tear off strips are available. Ivette Guillermo kindly translated information for a Spanish version.
 2. Green Drinks: Next event on March 26 was set for Absecon's Black Cat, but the group agreed to postpone after getting notice from Egg Harbor City's Green Team about March 12 Green Drinks at Howell's, Philadelphia Ave.
 3. GC Park Improvement: Meeting set for Monday, March 9 at 6 pm to draft and discuss using ANJEC grant for improvements to the Soccer Field at Pleasant and Washington. Environmental Commission supports this partnership.
 4. Sustainable Jersey for Schools: Dan shared the Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant announcement with Superintendent and School Board leadership. Amy will follow up with more information and offer to make presentation to group or at school board meeting re: registering Hammonton schools.

5. TREX Bag Recycling: Kerri will investigate details on this program where plastic bags are collected and brought to local distribution points. Participating communities/groups have six months to collect a specified amount in order to receive a TREX recycled plastic lumber bench. With more information the group can decide if this is worth pursuing. Could be promoted at the library, schools and other outlets including Green Day.
6. ACUA Earth Day – Sun, April 26 10-4. Volunteers needed to staff a table and an activity is also needed. Kerri may be able to do something with bottle cap art?
7. ANJEC Water Conservation Workshop is planned as part of the William Penn Foundation Grant actions to address water issues in Hammonton. Green Committee will support and help to promote. Tentative date: May 7

Next meeting: Monday, April 6, 2015