



## Minutes October 6 - 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, Barbara Bachalis, Steve , Linda Esposito

### Old Business:

1. HalloGreen – October 11 12-4 at the Hammonton Library - Ads, Flyers and Facebook promotion in place; Volunteers - Sara, Linda,
2. 2014 Eye Opening Film and Lecture Series – Next event is “A Life Worth Living” on Nov 19th; Lydia will lead a post-film discussion and Dan will discuss the town’s accessibility. Nancy reports that she has plans for full 2015 and is beginning to think about 2016.
3. Sesquicentennial - Dan briefed the Committee on the initial plans for the year starting March 2015; Sustainability can be a theme of an event or part of an event. Discussion on whether we can do something on notable tree specimens. We discussed the GC “adopting” and event to be part of the multi-month celebration.
4. Green Day 2014 Evaluation:  
Date: Saturday vs. Sunday - Committee discussed the impact of the day (Saturday vs. Sunday) - weather was an impact; too much going on and volunteers spread too thin; Dan made a suggestion to move back to Green Weekend with a Friday night Slow Food Dinner. Committee agreed to move back to Sunday next year.  
Workshops: we need to do a better job making people aware of the various talks;  
Other Suggestions - get a solar array to set up and generate power; Linda offered to help find a solar resource through her husband  
Propose to suggest the Third Weekend of September Friday thru Sunday Sept. 18-20
5. Green Drinks -
6. Green Committee Adopt a Road Clean Up - **Sunday Nov. 16 at 10 am**

### New Business

1. **Community Garden** – planning for future – meeting to discuss? Dan discussed the “Kitchen Gardeners International Sow it Forward Grant” ; in order to qualify must meet certain criteria, e.g. share the produce; document the results; must be a non-profit; Dan will reach out the organization to find out more. Amy noted that AtlantiCare also had grant money. Proposed location is the corner

of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, behind the railroad station. Amy suggested that given the progress, we should start promoting the existence of the garden; generate volunteers; develop a plan, process and operational rules. Town would need to install spigots. **Next Step: Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Town Hall - hold a small planning group using the Check List Dan has. Invite master gardeners to attend.**

2. Sustainable Jersey recertification - monthly meetings restart (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) 10/20 at Amy's 7:30
3. Community Wildlife Habitat certification - discussion about goal of getting mix of private properties, schools and businesses to get certified. One possible strategy is to target years/homeowners that look like they already are qualified.
4. Water Rebates - Amy pointed out that we need to spend the Water Conservation Grant before before we can apply!
5. Green Drinks/Brunch – suggestion to have monthly set day/time (ex: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) in partnership with nearby Green Teams. Tentative schedule: Oct. 23 in Winslow; Dec. 4 at Rocco's ; Jan 22 – Mays Landing; Feb. 26 at Roccas etc....; Dan will refine the schedule.
6. Open Floor – ideas, suggestions

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, NOV. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**