

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM
September 12, 2019 at Hopewell Township Municipal Building
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Joann H., Paul K., Carol M., Scott F., Margret V., Joe L.,

HOPEWELL HARVEST FAIR (Joann, Scott)

- ~ Activity – recycling game, new tent Town Square configuration, fewer vendors, application and required activity, passport stamping and prizes. Joann to reach out to Friends group for help at our booth.
- ~ Handouts – Carol to check on the recycling cards
- ~ Water Stations – Scott could use some help
- ~ Staffing Go to www.hopewellharvestfair.org to be a volunteer

RECYCLING PROJECTS (Margret, Carol, Joann)

- ~ Stuff the Trucks Sept 7: About 150 people came
- ~ Next Styrofoam Collection Saturday, February 1, 2020 at TGG

RECYCLING - BRAINSTORMING (Joann, Paul, et al.)

Who should we engage to advance the Effectiveness of Recycling Efforts in our Community? Paul did an informal survey of local businesses and found very little recycling was done. This could be a future grant possibility with funds for education and outreach.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- ~ Small Business programs through NJ Clean Energy
- ~ Community Energy Aggregation – Joe working on an ordinance for a new tool to help people identify their carbon footprint
- ~ Citizens Climate Lobby

OUTREACH (Scott)

- ~ Website – Scott working hard to keep site updated and enhanced
- ~ Facebook (Boosted Post)

PENNINGTON BOROUGH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY APPLICATION (for bronze)

- ~ Submitted September 8
- ~ Carbon Footprint for Municipal Operations: 485.30 Metric Tons (of carbon equivalent) (5.8% decrease from 2014)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 13: Sustainable Jersey Listening Session at TCNJ

Sept. 18: Hopewell Train Station 7-8:30 p.m.

Veteran environmentalist and original petitioner and leader of the Green Amendment movement, **Maya van Rossum** will be at the Sourland Conservancy's Train Station Series, discussing her new book, *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment*, followed by Q&A and signing. Come out and meet Maya, pick up a copy of the book, and learn about the future of environmental advocacy!

For more information <https://www.sourland.org/meeting-and-calendar-events>

Sept 19: NJ Clean Energy Workshop for Mercer Businesses 8-10am

Sept 21: Hopewell Harvest Fair, 10am to 4pm

Sept 28: Recycling at Pennington Farmers Market, 9am to 1pm

Oct 1: Organic Waste Management Summit in Bordentown

NEXT GREEN TEAM MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Pennington Boro Hall at 7:30 p.m.