

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM  
October 10, 2019 at Pennington Library Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Joann H., Margret V., Carol M., Scott F., Joe L., guest, Courtney Peters Manning

#### ENERGY ISSUES

~ Presentation **Community Energy Aggregation** by Courtney Peters Manning. Both Hopewell Township and Borough Hall are looking into Community Energy Aggregation contracts.

~ Small Business programs through **NJ Clean Energy** - Joann attended workshop and learned about the many ways local businesses can take advantage of Energy Efficiency Programs. Scott to put energy resources on the website. Goal to get more businesses interested in these programs.

~ **Sustainable Jersey Grants** - possible grant opportunities in the spring will give us time to prepare and refine our ideas. Scott will look into bio generator from Organic Mechanic.

~ **Citizens Climate Lobby: Climate Simulation Tool**.... Coming Soon Will explore climate modeling. Mike Aucott may come to talk to us at a future meeting.

#### OUTREACH (Scott)

~ **Website** - please email Scott with local events he can post on the website. Goal is to have our website be a first resource for events, ideas, and information. Thank you to Scott for all your work keeping up the website!

~ Facebook (Boosted Posts) - idea to use this for our big events.

E-LEARNING DAY TOPIC (Joe) - Joann and Margret to be consultants on the curriculum planning

~ Recycling Education in Coordination with the School District

#### RECYCLING COMMITTEE (Margret, Carol, Joann)

We came up with leads for drivers and truck for the Feb. 1st styrofoam collection. Joann to follow up with leads. Also need a snow day date.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

~ New Survey? Scott explained his preliminary tally of the existing survey, and possibilities for a new survey, or an open-ended survey.

~ Food Waste Reduction?

~ Other?

Hopewell Harvest Festival was well-attended, but a very hot day. Water coolers were a huge hit. Our recycling game was fun for all.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 26:** Recycling Collection at Pennington Farmers Market 9-1, Carol to set up at 8:30 a.m., Scott to work 11-1 p.m. Joann to reach out to Friends group for more help.

**Nov 1:** Third Annual NJ Watershed Conference 9:30-4, reg. fee, open to anyone. Link for more info <https://thewatershed.org/new-jersey-watershed-conference-2019/>

NEXT GREEN TEAM MEETING DATE: November 14, 2019