

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

June 11, 2020 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, M. van Vuuren, Hanaa Rohman, S. Fulmer, R. Parker

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

~ Zero Waste Boxes - will be ordered by the township for - Alkaline batteries, Pens & Pencils & Markers, and Athletic Balls

~ Pennington Farmers Market Logistics - set up 2 tents, can't hand out paper flyers, avoid hand to hand contact, need receptacles for every material for people to sort their own materials. Will get word out on Facebook, website and farmers market site, plus Green Team Friends. June 27 a brief ribbon-cutting at 9 a.m.

Staffing - 2 volunteers at a time/shift

IDEAS FROM PENNINGTON DAY LIVE CHAT

~ Pick a Theme for this year 7/1/20-6/30/21 Energy? Environmental justice? Air quality? Fuel Cell Challenges? Citizen Science? Energy-related topics with high school students? *Reduce* waste & plastic use in HV schools. Joann and Margret have a relationship with HV Schools' Green Teams. Rex feels strongly we need to engage and inspire teachers and students in the high school. Could look at projects with students through an energy lens, to support STEM. Data visualization.

Students today need to know how to live into a carbon-free society and know science career options.

Additional partners we could work with? Local businesses? Watershed?

~ Develop a Campaign Calendar for sharing info on the Theme over the year (roll out "layers" of theme over the year) and a Campaign Calendar for our Recycling Activities

~ Tap some student volunteers to focus on projects eg videos and other visual art

Define some projects that might be good for Eagle Awards

~ Angles on Energy

EV Chargers - HV has some, but where are they located? Student project?

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint tool - find better ways to present better tools

Energy Efficiency

Explaining Energy Aggregation - HT is close, but is delayed. EC & GT help educate citizens

Direct Install Videos through MC Sustainability Coalition

~ Start using Instagram?

~ Think of Green Friends as a Resource Pool (Surveys?)

Start thinking of an energy exhibit for Hopewell Harvest Festival (online or not)

Fuel Cell/Hydrogen House in Hopewell in Sourland Mts. & in Woosamonsa

(Joy from HT is a volunteer for Hydrogen House)

What does the future hold? Future not far off. Construction solar ready,

energy-efficient features to be more mainstream. Ideas of not going back to "normal."

How do you get citizens to be more focused on what they are doing with their energy consumption?

Challenge or competition - look at utility bills "before and after?"

Sometimes easier for people to make changes to their homes, form small communities with people on the block or from your church or gym, and compare notes on energy usage or project management. People need resources, sharing ideas with friends and neighbors.

Hanaa thinks there are case studies from other towns.

Need models, need partners, Facebook, email blasts, website chats to talk about issues would help us make progress on these issues.

WEBSITE (Scott) Need to pick the best carbon calculators. Energy pages on GT website needs to be updated (energy aggregation, Rex to find out latest status and update project). Scott talked with Samantha on website hosting on the network solutions site, but nothing has happened yet. Other hosts available - even green hosts! Scott will choose clip art images for the website

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY VIRTUAL SUMMIT - all available online

www.sustainablejersey.com/events/virtual-sustainability-summit/

PENNINGTON FARMERS MARKET: Social Distancing Edition

6/6 was opening day, one-way traffic, 275 visitors, went smoothly, room for us on 6/27

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26: MCSC Meeting ~ Plastic Bags presentation

June 27: Collect Recycled Material at PFM?

July 9: Green Team Meeting

August 13: Green Team Meeting

Sept. 10: Green Team Meeting

Sept 12: Styrofoam Collection at Hopewell Borough Hall 12-3

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 9, 2020