

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM
October 8, 2020 via Zoom Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, S. Fulmer, M. van Vuuren, P. Kinney, Lisa Nicolaison (guest)

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Styrofoam Collection Sept 12, 100 cars, 500 pounds of Styrofoam collected, Gordie and his truck worked out well, winter collection date on Sat. Feb. 6, location tbd

Discussion with Lisa Nicolaison, Princeton Univ Office of Sustainability, about the lack of transparency about how materials are recycled at TerraCycle. GT would like to focus on educating the community on reducing recycling by: making your own yogurt, changing to rechargeable batteries.

Pennington Farmers Market

Planting Pots - now collecting pots for Lydia, vendor at the PFM

Newspapers for Mercer County Wildlife Center - collect on Oct. 31 and put on website and in our flyer for folks to take directly to the Wildlife Center

Rechargeable Batteries: Know Your Battery Fact Sheet

NATIVE PLANTS GRANT (Paul) coordinated with Andrew and with FoHVOS, letter of intent approved, proposal submitted, consultant from UD on board, will know if grant approved in December, sample site near township building, and early stage of planning for community nursery by public works building.

FOCUS ON ENERGY

Mercer County Energy Efficiency October

Develop a Campaign Calendar for sharing info on the Theme

(PLUS a Campaign Calendar for our Recycling Activities)

Angles on Energy

EV Chargers

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Energy Efficiency - check out daily ideas at <https://mercersustainabilitycoalition.org/> from a carbon footprint and energy savings perspectives. GT needs to remind people about doing energy audits in the fall and the spring; decide on 1 or 2 options per season. Old fireplaces, stoves could be harmful in putting pollutants in the atmosphere.

Explaining Energy Aggregation –The Green Option (postponed)

Direct Install Videos

State Energy Master Plan

Fuel Cells / Hydrogen House / Joy Arena

Start using Instagram? Andrew may be able to start a GT Instagram account/check w/ Molly Data Visualization / Arts Component

Connection to the High School? / Citizen Science Projects?

Challenge or Competition? For example, how has your energy usage changed during this time of social distancing?

Incorporate Environmental Justice?

Post holiday energy tips on our Facebook/Instagram account
Reminder about no idling, especially around the schools
Tips about energy use while working from home (heat/cool just the spots you are using), possibly link to articles. Send articles on these main issues to Joann, if you see them.

WEBSITE (Scott) Cary Bruestle will host our website on their company server, Reunion Technologies!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 31: Collect Recycled Material at PFM (wear a costume from recycled materials!)

Nov 12: Green Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Dec 10: Green Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom