

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

January 14, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, S. Fulmer, M. van Vruuen, C. Meyer, J. Lawver, L. Croucher, R. Parker, M. Bean, P. Kinney, M. Pressel

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Styrofoam Collection on Sat. 1-3 pm, Feb. 6 at Toll Gate Grammar

Staffing - Email Joann if you could help. CM to talk with P. Moulding & H. Township, SF to check with Gordon (truck & driver)

Advertising- RP to check on HT trailer sign & posting on municipality sites post flyer on GT Facebook & mailing lists, municipality sites

Logistics - Joann has the clear plastic bags, MVV will update flyer so we could hand out paper flyers

Pennington Farmers Market - Newspapers for Mercer County Wildlife Center?

Baseballs & Tennis Balls given out in Good Condition on Hopewell Valley Cheapstakes

Rechargeable Batteries: Know Your Battery Fact Sheet?

Carol to check on an extension of the existing recycling grant from Sustainable Jersey Leftover grant funds could be used for Sept. 11 Styrofoam collection

Gold Award GS working on recycling and wants to set up a TREC recycling box locally. Joann wants to invite Amanda to an upcoming GT meeting.

NATIVE PLANTS GRANT (Paul) Watershed did not approve the project, and Paul did not have an opportunity to answer questions or concerns on their proposal, although not stopping the program but slowing it a bit. Group will watch for PSE&G/Sustainable Jersey upcoming grants.

HVRSD Green Team (Margret & Joann) - GT from each school

Hopewell Valley Green Week - week of April 19-25, wants to reach out to the broader HV community, TED talks, learning activities on the weekend, and invite community groups to participate (host virtual GT recycling program, Dan Napoleon? Public works? Recycling coordinators? Live footage of recycling? What's wrong with the recycling photo? Reduce & Reuse?)

MERCER COUNTY VIRTUAL GREEN FEST (MCSC) and may be held outdoors (sometime early spring) but still in the planning stage

Adopt a Topic: maybe hire student videographers & interactive. Home waste audit? Composting leaves? Sustainable actions via PP? Landscaping?

"Sorry I Missed You" Netflix movie on the dark side of home deliveries and what it is doing to our society. Check out the movie trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysjwg-MnZao>

WEBSITE Scott has been busy updating the site! Trex, holiday lights, Lions Club glasses. Scott follows the Next Door app and watches which questions come up. Scott will follow-up with C. Bruestle on hosting the website on their hosting site for free, and invite Joann and Paul to the call.

- ~ Updates - email Scott with any updates or new information
- ~ Yogurt Recipes - Scott needs recipes for his new yogurt maker!

ENERGY ISSUES

- ~ Calculate your Carbon Footprint
- ~ LED Light Bulb Give-away - Lynne to check about distribution to HomeFront, or we could give out at the styrofoam collection

GOALS FOR 2021? Meet via Zoom for most of the year (nice turnouts!), possible outdoor meeting in the summer (picnic?), Scott to check Hopewell Boro's "appetite" for their certification, Rex, Carol and Paul are unsure about HT recertification, Pennington Boro working on reducing their carbon footprint, repair cafes, HV Country Club purchased by MC Parks (could we have any impact on water use, water quality?), Quarry to be merged with Trap Rock holds first public meeting:

<https://mercerme.com/county-holds-first-public-meeting-to-discuss-future-park-at-trap-rocks-quarry/> The future of a 166-acre quarry adjacent to the Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township was discussed at the first of four Mercer County Parks Commission meetings, Tuesday, December 2, 2020. The property, known as "Moore's Station Quarry," has been operating since the 1800s, most recently by the Trap Rock Industries as [previously reported by MercerMe](#). The Moore's Station Quarry was acquired by Mercer County along with Baldpate Mountain in 1998 with the intention to create a park.

From Rex: Energy sector fuel oil in HT waiting for a bio fuel additive breakthrough then we could help get word out. Now, there is no mixture going into the fuel. With the burning of fossil fuels, we could promote solar with battery backup and equip homes with lithium ion batteries.

In the fall, visit municipal boros (Pennington, Hopewell) and Hopewell Township to tell them what we do as a GT, ask for more interested folks to help, and ask what we can do for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 6, Noon to 3pm: Styrofoam Collection at Tollgate Grammar School

Feb 11: Green Team Meeting via Zoom

Spring 2021: Mercer County Virtual Green Fest

April 19-25: Hopewell Valley Green Week

Saturday, Sept. 11, Noon to 3pm: Styrofoam Collection, location tbd