

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

January 13, 2022, via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, R. Parker, S. Fulmer, P. Kinney, L. Croucher, Gregg, S. McAuliffe,
M. van Vurren, C. Meyer, Kim

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN WEEK (Joann) Session on Decarbonizing your Home. Event will be held in late April Theme will be Climate Change.

HVGT to sponsor the Green Energy speaker and session, and work with the planning team, as one of the virtual evening sessions during the week. Some ideas: tap into our local resources, session will be recorded for future viewing, possible solar power speaker, Sophie Glovier, of the Watershed Institute, Energy Sage and the portal from the solar challenge, hear from a trusted local provider, or hear from the company that might be our new municipal provider, Energy Aggregation (a reliable provider), or provide information on home energy audits. Could this be a “kick-off” event? Showcase electric vehicles and people’s user experience with their electric vehicles? Representative from Princeton Air to talk about energy audits.

Solutions-oriented

Bright Action Platform

NJ SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS REGISTRY Updates! If community has 3 or more businesses in registry, will qualify for a sustainable community certification from Sustainable Jersey. Joann talked about efforts state-wide with all the Wawa stores.

Sustainable Communities Partnership

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

~ Cell Phones & Devices: Wireless Alliance

~ Styrofoam: Exploring Options for Densifying (Scott to put out no collection in February)

~ CDs/DVDs & Cases: GreenDisk.com

~ Metals Recycling: Sims Possibly partner with Rosedale Mills?

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

Pennington and Hopewell Township will recertify this year (certifications are good for 3 yrs). Joann to bring in some Green Friends to help with the recertification.

RESIDENTIAL FLOODING: Best Management Practices: In Nov. we had the Watershed Ambassadors at our GT mtg and talked about best practices for local homeowners to prevent flooding in our yards. Handout or display at Pennington Day.

REUSABLE BAG EDUCATION FoHVOS working to purchase 10,000 reusable bags and looking for ways to roll this out. Give to local businesses, parking lot signs to remember to bring your bag (BYB!). We have our coat rack at the PFM! Multiple education programs happening ahead of the May deadline, as there are still questions about how the bag ban works for fast food or food delivery. Scott will post a link to Paul Kinney’s recent article on plastic. Also, there is information on the DEP website. This could be a way

for the GT to help local businesses by answering their questions and will get points for community education.

WEBSITE (Scott) Adding mail-in recycling programs such as Smartwool and BatterySolutions.com, and Scott has updated the website with 2022 collection dates. Scott and Joann will share the Google Analytics on the 2021 website traffic.

UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

Feb 10: Next Green Team Meeting virtually at 7:30pm

May 21 Pennington Day 10 am-4 pm