

# **HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM**

**February 9, 2023, via Zoom**

## **Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, K. Carroll, M. Wasserman, L. Croucher, C. Corella,  
R. Parker, P. Kinney, Umila, K. Angarone, S. Fulmer, G. & B. Koblis

### **ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Kevin Carroll, The NJ Compost Man - collection program for anything but bacon grease, uses 5-gallon buckets, and about 25% of landfill waste is diverted. Matt Wasserman talked about composting what Kevin collects in Hopewell.

Report from Pennington Environmental Commission - looking at different composting options. Possibly pilot a program in high-density areas in the township.

Possible Municipal Actions

Possible Program: Organic Waste Composting Problems & Solutions at Hopewell Theater with Hopewell Borough Library

### **HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**

Group the 3 municipalities together to get the points & make a real environmental difference, as well as the impetus to get things done. According to Paul, a high level of commitment to certification. Needs a working group to meet bi-weekly as well as administrative assistance and commitment.

### **WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPALITIES** - Joann emailed officials in municipalities.

We might need to attend municipal meetings this spring to tell them who we are and what we are doing and pitch ideas on how they can participate. We need to take advantage of opportunities to engage and find resources locally.

Idea to have the GT host ECs and other municipal officials for a Meet & Greet

### **REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE**

Plans for 2023 - the recycling flyer will be finalized soon and Scott is working on the repair information for the website.

### **WEBSITE (Scott)**

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WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY

CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM: Eliminate Waste & Pollution, Circulate Products & Materials, Regenerate Nature

### **COMMUNITY SOLAR**

- Municipal Resolutions of Support – not yet
- Grant Opportunity??

RESIDENTIAL FLOODING: Best Management Practices – nothing to report

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Feb 16 (12-12:45 & 7-7:45), Feb 21 (12-12:45): Certification Assistance Sessions hosted by Sustainable Jersey**

March 9: Green Team Meeting

April 22: Hopewell Valley Green Week Event

April 29: Mercer County Green Fest Event

May 5: NJ Sustainability Summit 9:00 am - 4:00 pm At Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ

May 20: Pennington Day 10-4

**Zoom CHAT:**

**Matt Wasserman 8:19 PM**

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**kevincarroll to Everyone 8:20 PM**

**NJcompostman@gmail.com**

**Matt Wasserman to Everyone 8:21 PM**

**Matt Wasserman, General Manager - Community FoodCycle, 609.751.6819, matt@communityfoodcycle.com**

**Kati Angarone to Everyone 8:21 PM**

**Thank you! This is a great local option!**

**kevincarroll to Everyone 8:22 PM**

**609-955-0924**

**Geralyn Koblis to Everyone 8:33 PM**

**Fyi when my church hired Compost man for a large party event-he dropped off 2 25 gallon cans and asked that we line them with plastic. We bought compatible bags. Our well meaning event planners asked for including compatible cutlery and plates and bowls and cups. Kevin said okay. He seems very amenable to do the right thing and learn.**

**P.s we had discussion about the "compatible materials" t**

**Kati Angarone 9:01 PM**

**RE: - resources: I keep looking for a truck for Styrofoam!**

**Does GT ever host joint EC /other committee meet and greet?**