

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

May 11, 2023, via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, S. Fulmer, S. McAuliffe, S. Bristol (WaterShed),
C. Colella, U. Purandare, K. Haren, R. Parker, A. Johnson

PENNINGTON DAY Plans (see schedule at the bottom)

3 Posters:

1. **Why Food Waste is a Problem** - how much waste is generated, greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and emissions from trucking waste to landfills, and percentage (30%?) of municipal waste is food waste.
2. **Tips for Reducing Food Waste** - interactive poster
3. **Organic waste composting options** ex. DIY, worm bins, and subscription services

WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPALITIES- Update

- Report to Hopewell Borough Council May 4 - after report met with new Boro administrator. Looking into 2 groups of metal collectors who might partner with us for a metal collection. An idea about zero food waste at various Hopewell Boro events and get Dolph on board with free food waste collection at the events
- Report to Pennington Borough Council – To Be Scheduled

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY - P. Kinney led the certification recently submitted to Sustainable Jersey for the Bronze level and we will hear back in a few months with updates and further actions if needed. Rex shared the EC Chestnut Tree program information with us. Further development of an arboretum in Woolsey Park is being planned.

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

Pennington Farmers Market List (see list at the end of these minutes)

HOPEWELL VALLEY “GREEN” GROUPS GATHERING (First Annual?) June 22 is open at the WaterShed Institute under the large tent. See the draft of the evening event below.

WEBSITE (Scott) will continue to add links that have come up in the discussions

Sustainable Jersey Certification needs documentation for each of our Green Team events. Joann will let us know what is needed going forward, so we will not need to recreate it much later than our event.

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For Future Discussion

- WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM
  - Eliminate Waste & Pollution
  - Circulate Products & Materials
  - Regenerate Nature
- COMMUNITY SOLAR
  - Municipal Resolutions of Support
  - Grant Opportunity??

- RESIDENTIAL FLOODING
  - Best Management Practices
  - MS4 Permit

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 18: [Mapping DEP MS4 Workshop at the Watershed](#)  
 May 20: Pennington Day 10-4  
 May 20: Bike Rodeo & EV Meetup at Lawrence High School  
 June 8: Hopewell Valley Green Team Meeting  
 June 24: First collection at the Pennington Farmer’s Market

**Pennington Day Schedule**

|          | HVGT          |  |
|----------|---------------|--|
| Set-up   | Joann         |  |
| 10-11    | Erica/Carol   |  |
| 11-12    | Erica/Carol   |  |
| 12-1     | Kim/Scott     |  |
| 1-2      | Kim/Scott     |  |
| 2-3      | Geri & Bob/?? |  |
| 3-4      | Geri & Bob/?? |  |
| Clean Up | Joann         |  |

**PFM Recycling List**

Stick Deodorant Containers  
 Single-Use Razors  
 Brita Water Filters  
 Used Tennis Balls & Baseballs  
 Plastic Nursery Pots  
 Wine Bottle Corks (Real, Not Synthetic)  
 Cell Phones  
 (& Also Mp3 Players, Chargers, Digital Cameras, Tablets & Bluetooth Devices)  
 Dental Care Products  
 (Including EMPTY Toothpaste Tubes With Cap On, Toothbrushes, Floss Containers, Etc.)  
 Button Cell Batteries (From Hearing Aids, Calculators, Etc.)  
 Note: Please Put Tape Over The Positive Ends.

*Draft Proposal*

HOPEWELL VALLEY "GREEN" GROUPS GATHERING (First Annual?)

Meet, Greet and Sweets

June 22, 2023 at The Watershed Institute

6:30-8pm

Menu: Cookies & Water (Bring your own mug) – Ask Pennington EDC for help?  
(perhaps some seltzer in aluminum cans?)

Make it a zero waste event

Agenda

6:40 Welcome from HVGT & TWI

6:50 Speaker #1 (Sustainable Jersey?)

7:10 Speaker #2 (Christine Schell?)

7:30 Networking (Have a flip chart where people can post ideas for collaboration)

Invitees

Mayors

Municipal Council/Committee Members

HT & PB Environmental Commissions

Open Space & Shade Tree Committees

Public Works & Recycling Coordinators

Parks & Recreation Committees

Pennington Farmers Market

Hopewell Farmers Market

FoHVOS

Sourlands Conservancy

D&R Greenway

HVRSD Green Team

Watershed Institute

Delaware River Keeper

Mercer County Parks

Community Solar: Yvette Viasus

Organic Waste Composting: Dolph Guerds, Kevin Carroll

Green Friends?