

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

June 8, 2023 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, S. Fulmer, L. Croucher, K. Haren, G. Koblis, C. Colella, P. Kinney

We discussed how **Pennington Day** went for the Green Team booth, such as a more waterproof tent, waterproofing our display items, and giving out seed packets or other meaningful giveaways to children. Develop a game? Scott's worms were a hit, as always.

HOPEWELL VALLEY "GREEN" GATHERING (First Annual?)

WHEN: Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8 pm

WHERE: The Watershed Institute (under the big tent)

WHAT: A Meet & Greet with two speakers to challenge us and lots of time for networking

SPEAKERS: Samantha McGraw (Sustainable Jersey) – confirmed

Yvette Viasus (Solar Landscaping) - invited

GUEST LIST: Municipal Officials and Staff; School District Green Team

Staff of: FoHVOS, The Watershed Institute, D&R Greenway, Sourlands Conservancy,
Delaware River Keeper

Dolph Guerds, Kevin Carroll

REFRESHMENTS: For a Zero Waste Event Cookies and some savory. Emily's Catering? Terhunes?

LOGISTICS – Microphone? Flip Charts? Other? Use SignUp Genius, Evite? Paperless Post?

Wear our green team t-shirts!

WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPALITIES- Update

Report to Pennington Borough Council – To Be Scheduled

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

Preparing for Pennington Farmers Market

Other? Looking into densifier and/or a styrofoam collection

WEBSITE (Scott) Did a new Repair page on the GT website from Moving Towards Zero Waste section. Thank you, Scott!

Hopewell Harvest Fair - Scott is now on the board and working on the website!

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 am to 4 pm, working on making it a sustainable event for all vendors and giveaways.

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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**

June 22: Hopewell Valley Green Gathering, 6:30-8 pm

June 24: Recycling at Pennington Farmers Market, 9-1

July 6 HV Green Team Meeting - rescheduled from July 13

August 10? HV Green Team Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 23 Hopewell Harvest Fair 10 am to 4 pm

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 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) with background music?

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?