

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

GREEN TEAM AGENDA

JUNE 19, 2014 - 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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REPORTS:

A. Additional Members Added to Green Team via Resolution:

Tera Feigen, Diana Canellis, Elena Rubino, Shelini Parikh

B. Filing for Certification Deadline

Filing deadline of 6/8/14 passed, next submission date 11/23/14.

C. Actions already submitted:

1. Create Green Team- 10 Points
2. Hold a Green Fair- 10 points
3. Green Building Policy/ Resolution- 5 points
4. Environmental Commission- 10 points

D. Completed Actions but have not been submitted:

1. Inventory & Upgrade All Buildings (Clean Energy Audit) - 50 points
2. Open Space Plans- 10 points (Performed in 2006)
3. Recycled Paper- 10 points
4. Prescription Drug and Safety and Disposal-10 points
5. Community Paper Shredding Day-5 points

E. Open Actions

1. Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program- 10 Points
Signs have been purchased, need to identify target areas and have Watchung PD develop enforcement.
2. Raingardens- 10 points
6 rain barrels purchased, however we need to identify areas to place them. Also we need documentation with project scope and outreach initiatives.
3. Community Education & Outreach- 10 points
Qualifying actions by Environmental Committee: Queen of the Sun Movie, Water Garden Seminar, and literature (Healthy Vibrant Trees, Healthy Lawns, Cars & Air Pollution, Composting, Go Green, Tree Flyer, Tree Preservation Brochure, Water Smart/3 Stages of Drought, Pet Waste, Storm water, Homeowner's Checklist for Clean Water, Bloom Times, and Things You can do...) distributed by Environmental Commission, sent in school Backpack News via email and also posted on Borough's website
4. Buy Local Campaign-10 points
5. Support Local Businesses-10 points
6. Tree Protection Ordinance-10 points
Need to provide a link to the Tree Protection Ordinance in web codes, certified copy of resolution adopting ordinance, certified adopted ordinance, and descriptions of the standards that relate to the Ordinance Structure listed on New Jersey Sustainable website.
7. Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Ordinance-10 points
Policy developed, but need council to adopt it.
8. Energy Efficient Appliances or Equipment-10 points

Certified document stating that all electronic purchases from within 4 months of submission deadline are ENERGY STAR rated. List some of the ENERGY STAR products.

9. Municipal Carbon Footprint-10 points

10. Community or School Gardens-10 points

Girl Scout troop 65631 under the guidance of the Garden Club, planted a community garden behind the library of which the produce will be located to local food banks. Garden Club was contacted to see if we have permission to use this as an action for certification, awaiting response.

11. Farmer's Markets-10 points

12. Water Conservation Education Program-10 points

13. Water Conservation Ordinance-20 points

14. Fleet Inventory-10 points

15. Efficient Landscape Design-10 points

16. Minimize Water Consumption- 10 points

17. Recycled Materials and Composting- 10 points

18. Backyard Composting Program-5 points

19. Grass-Cut It and Leave It Program-5 points

20. Materials Reuse Program-10 points

21. Reusable Bag Education Program- 5 points

Contacted ShopRite and obtained some literature on Reusable Bag Program.

22. Buy Fresh by Local Programs- 10 points

23. Climate Adaption: Flooding Risk-20 points

Already utilized tool to create map. Need to designate a team that will answer questions from website.

24. Direct Install- Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community-10 points

Already made 3 or more attempts to contact the contractor designated to our area and have had no success.

25. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling- 10 points

The Garden Club has bins at the library to collect water bottle caps, which are then sent elsewhere for recycling. The Garden Club has been contacted and we are waiting for some literature regarding the program.

26. Energy Efficiency- Home Performance with Energy Star Municipal Program (20 points) and Outreach program (10 points)-

Contacted Ciel Power, which offers discounted energy assessments for residents. They have implemented program in several municipalities, and two were contacted (Woodbridge & Princeton) and were very satisfied with the program. Literature sent to TEA for review and if acceptable will be forwarded to Mayor & Council for approval.

27. Grounds & Maintenance/Create a Policy-10 points

Policy developed but need Council to adopt

F. Discuss actions that should not be pursued for 11/23/14 filing deadline.

G. REPORTS - OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT