

Watchung Green Team

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start date and time:

June 26, 2024

6:33 pm

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)
Denise Soppas
Emma Speeney
Bill Hance
Mimansa Kumar

Agenda

- Approval of [Meeting Minutes](#) from May 22nd, 2024
- Farmers Market
- Sustainable Jersey Recertification
 - Bronze submission status
 - Silver application action items

Prior meeting minutes

Motion: Bill

Second: Denise

Approved - to be posted on website

Farmers Market

- Attendance

Date	Count
6/4/24	267
6/11/24	275
6/18/24	244
6/25/24	238

- Suggestion for more signs, especially around the circle and at the foot of Hillcrest.
- Cub Scouts are coming next week - move hotdog to the road side of the lot and position across from hotdog.
- Attracting more vendors
 - Visit markets and recruit
 - Target gaps current vendor offerings, eg cheese, flower vendor, ice/ice cream, brewery

Sustainable Jersey Recertification

- Bronze Submission Status
 - Application submitted on May 10th with 260 points across 33 actions
 - 15 actions were approved for 135 points
 - 11 actions worth 125 points were returned for revisions.
 - 3 actions worth 25 points have been revised
 - 1 Priority action, Energy Tracking and Management, must be revised in order to receive bronze certification
 - Bill will extract the requested reports for submission
 - Of the remaining 7 action items, most issues are easily resolvable, but are not needed for bronze
- Silver Application Action Items - A total of 350 points, including 3 priority action items, are required for silver. Including the priority action to be revised (above), 170 points have been completed.
 - Of the 90 points for the 7 open actions from the bronze submission, at least 80 can be achieved through revisions
 - Charlie to resend Extreme Temp Plan revisions to Denise
 - Charlie to revise Community Education & Outreach
 - Bill to send Charlie required letter for public EVSE
 - Charlie to work with FD to complete Make Your Town EV Friendly
 - Bill to provide tobacco free communication targeted at employees, Charlie to produce social media and email campaign for residents
 - Charlie to produce social media and email material and photo evidence for toner cartridge collection
 - Emma has produced updated photos for anti-idling, Sonia to check with PD on an enforcement map (this may not be achievable)
 - Additional action items have been identified for the additional 100 points necessary for silver. Actions worth 115 points have been identified as candidates. Due to the short timeline, all will be addressed to ensure sufficient points are available for submission.
 - Mayor and Council are working on establishing a creative team (10 points)
 - Bill to contact Jim D about having the engineer create brownfields inventory (10 points). This will also allow submission of Brownfields Assessment and Investigation (30 points).
 - Charlie to send Solar Outreach info to Emma and Mimansa who will work together on this action (10 points)
 - Bill to complete the Fleet Inventory (10 points). This will allow submission of Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles (5 points)
 - Sonia is reviewing Best practices for Local Boards of Health (5 points)
 - Sonia is investigating Building Healthier Communities (10 points)

- Charlie will check with mayor before proceeding with Private Well Outreach and Testing (20 points).
- Charlie awaiting response to question about current Green Purchasing Policy - a revised resolution might be required (5 points)

Follow-ups from prior meeting

- Denise to follow up with vendors that have not responded yet COMPLETED
- Denise to reach out to additional vendors since we have more space - focus on items identified in the survey. IN PROGRESS
- Denise and Maureen to visit other markets IN PROGRESS
- Charlie to check with Gray's Florist IN PROGRESS
- Charlie to check with Bill about signs COMPLETED
- Charlie to check with Bill about SJ Fleet Inventory action IN PROGRESS
- Charlie to contact Rachel F. re: Green Amendment COMPLETED

Follow up actions:

- Bill to order signs
- Denise to reach out to additional vendors since we have more space - focus on items identified in the survey
- Denise to visit other markets
- Charlie to check with Gray's Florist
- Charlie to resend Extreme Temp Plan revisions to Denise
- Charlie to send Solar Outreach info to Emma and Mimansa
- Mimansa and Emma to work together on Solar Outreach
- Bill to contact Jim about brownfields inventory
- Bill to complete vehicle inventory
- Bill to obtain data needed for Energy Tracking & Management
- Charlie to revise Community Education & Outreach
- Bill to send Charlie required letter for public EVSE
- Charlie to work with FD to complete Make Your Town EV Friendly
- Bill to provide tobacco free communication targeted at employees, Charlie to produce social media and email campaign for residents
- Charlie to produce social media and email material and photo evidence for toner cartridge collection
- Sonia to check with PD on an enforcement map for Anti-Idling
- Sonia to track establishing a creative team
- Bill to contact Jim D about having the engineer create brownfields inventory.
- Sonia is reviewing Best practices for Local Boards of Health
- Sonia is investigating whether town has Mayors Wellness Campaign certification for Building Healthier Communities
- Charlie will check with mayor before proceeding with Private Well Outreach and Testing

Next meeting:

- Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30 pm

Meeting End time:

Motion to adjourn: Bill

Second: Denise