

Watchung Green Team

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start date and time:

April 28, 2025

5:34 pm

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)

Kayla Briant

Emma Speeney

Denise Soppas

Mimansa Kumar

Miranda

Asha Ricci

Agenda

- Approval of March 24, 2025 [Meeting Minutes](#)
- Grant status
- Community garden project proposal update
- Farmers Market
- May meeting

Prior meeting minutes

[March 24, 2025](#)

Motion: Emma

Second: Kayla

Approved: Approved unanimously

Grant status

- SJ – No update
- SJ & PSE&G
 - Submission in progress
 - Need to schedule mayor's video

Community garden project proposal

- Updated proposal presented
- Motion:
 - Emma
 - Kayla
 - Motion approved unanimously

Farmers Market Update

- Location and times were discussed
 - Considerable discussion has been held in the past and current location is the best option
 - We may try extending market hours by a half hour June through August. Due to earlier sunset in the fall, this is probably not worthwhile.
- SNAP application has been filed, need status from Bill
- 3 musicians - working on rotation through first few months
- Several vendors have verbally committed, but few have filed paperwork.
- Kayla to look for family-oriented activities, potentially finding grant funds to support them, and focusing on communications through the borough.
- Food truck and ice cream vendors would help attract more foot traffic

Follow-ups from prior meeting

- Charlie to send details of April 9th SJ meeting COMPLETE
- Emma & Kayla to update proposal and schedule meeting with Charlie COMPLETED
- Charlie to follow up with Sonia about Mayor's letter and video appearance. IN PROGRESS

Follow up actions:

- Charlie to follow up Bill and Sonia about PSE&G grant
- Charlie to pass on proposal to Sonia for council consideration
- Kayla to look for family-oriented activities for farmers market
- Charlie to speak with Sonia about Somerset County and the Green Amendment

Next meeting:

- May 19, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting End time: 6:40 pm

Motion to adjourn: Mimansa

Second: Kayla

Approved unanimously