

Watchung Green Team

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start date and time:

May 19, 2025

5:32 pm

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)
Denise Soppas
Emma Speeney
Kayla Briant
Bill Hance
Sonia Abi-Habib

Miranda

Agenda

- Approval of April 28, 2025 [Meeting Minutes](#)
- Sustainable Jersey Summit
- Grant status
- Farmers Market
- Community garden project proposal update

Prior meeting minutes

April 28 2025

Motion: Bill

Second: Emma

Approved: Approved unanimously

Sustainable Jersey Summit

- Charlie to send out details

Grant status

- SJ - No update - Bill to look for update/timeline
- SJ/PSE&G
 - Bill to get photos from Edith and send in
 - Brief blurb
 - Schedule mayor for video
 - Mayor to sign letter

Farmers Market Update

- Storage box damaged by contractor
- New signs required
 - Some signs were damaged at the end of last year
 - Signs stored in box may have been damaged
 - Feather banners were worn out
 - Use bungee cords for sign facing Hillcrest
- Parking lot
 - No known construction issues
 - We have permission to use the lot
 - Safety concerns
 - Flash flooding
 - Potential for accidents from Hillcrest - vendor locations
- Vendors
 - 8 confirmed
 - Several outstanding
 - Some not returning
 - Kayla will reach out to honey vendor
 - Denise will reach out to outstanding vendors
 - No food truck yet
- Entertainment and other events
 - Music - 2 committed, 1 TBD - Most dates set for June and July
 - Kayla has reached out to orgs to provide kid-friendly activities
 - Library will continue to come
 - WAC - Kayla to reach out
 - Shredding and electronics - to be scheduled
- SNAP update - Bill has been having issues with the application

Community garden project proposal

- No update

Follow-ups from prior meeting

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

Follow up actions:

- Bill to get photos from Edith and send in
- Schedule mayor for video
- Mayor to sign letter
- Storage box to be replaced
- New signs for farmers market
- Kayla will reach out to honey vendor
- Denise will reach out to outstanding vendors
- WAC - Kayla to reach out

Next meeting:

- June 23, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting End time:

Motion to adjourn: Bill

Second: Kayla

Approved unanimously