

GREEN TEAM

Meeting Start date and time:

July 19, 2021

3:06 pm

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)

Wendy Robinson

Bill Hance

Agenda

1. Prior meeting minutes
2. Bronze submission status
3. Green Fair
4. Action items for silver submission
5. Follow-ups from prior meeting

Prior meeting minutes

Approved - to be posted on website

Bronze Submission

- 11 Approved, 10 need revision
- Feedback still not available. Should be released by the end of the week.
- Farmer Market
 - Beekeeper demo tomorrow
 - Baker will be on site tomorrow
 - Hummus may or may not be on site
 - Potential vendor for meat and dairy would take advance order
 - Fruit and nuts - will try to be there tomorrow
 - Labor shortages continue to challenge potential vendors

Green Fair

- Current participants

Action items for silver submission

The following items are proposed for silver submission

Action	Possible Points	Assignee
Companion Animal Management Pledge	5	Charlie
Energy Tracking & Management (PRIORITY)	10 to 20	Bill
Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	15	Wendy
Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places	10	Charlie
Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government	10 to 15	Wendy
Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning	10 to 15	Bill
Online Municipal Public Service Systems	10 to 15	Wendy
Commercial and Institutional Recycling	10	Charlie
Community Paper Shredding Day	5	
Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling	5 to 15	Charlie
Non-Mandated Materials Recycling	5 to 60	
Materials Reuse Program	10	
Reusable Bag Education Program	5	Env Comm

Generally speaking, work has not begun on the above items yet as we are still awaiting feedback on the bronze submission.

Points required for Silver: 350
Submitted for Bronze: 200
Approved: 20
Target for Fall submission: 160
Submitted: 0
At risk: 0

Follow-ups from prior meeting

- Charlie checked with Watchung CERT to see if they can assist with food collection. This is not feasible due to lack of storage space. Consequently, there will be no food collection at the green fair, but a food collection will take place at another time and day.
- Charlie provided Wendy with requirements for public engagement action items.
- Susan checked with the health commission to see if an interactive event will be possible. As of now, it is. However, at the last Warren Green Team meeting when this was discussed it was the consensus that it is already too late to bring in vendors. Local organizations, such as CERTs, Green Teams, and Environmental Commissions will be invited to participate.

Follow up actions:

- Bill to send Public Engagement information to Planning Board
- Watchung Green Team members to participate in the August Warren Green Team meeting to finalize plans for the Green Fair.

Next meeting:

- Monday, August 16, 2021 3:00 pm

Meeting End time:

3:38 pm