

GREEN TEAM

Meeting Start date and time:

March 19, 2021
11:05 am

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)
Bill Hance
Wendy Robinson
Kim Didonato
Peggy Ellis
Denise Soppas
Susan Zeitels (11:40)

Agenda

1. Prior meeting minutes
2. Follow-ups from prior meeting
 - a. Kim to review 2014 actions to determine which can be applied to new submission
 - b. Wendy to work on re-authorization resolution for green team
 - c. Bill to supply any ordinances/resolutions/policies already in place
 - d. Denise to work with Carolyn Solon on OEM items
 - e. Charlie to contact Rachel F. re: Green Fair
 - f. Charlie to review priority items for applicability
3. Target action items for recertification
4. Status on action items
5. Green fair

Prior meeting minutes

No changes requested - to be posted on web site

Follow-ups from prior meeting

Kim to review 2014 actions to determine which can be applied to new submission

- Applicable
 - Create Green Team - mandatory
 - Farmers Market - tbd
 - Trouble getting vendors in the past
 - Potential location - Best Lake parking lot

- Wendy to check with council to see if there is a desire to move forward
 - Community Education and Outreach - Flyer
 - Green Fair - In progress
 - Non-mandated materials recycling
 - Grass cut and leave it program
 - Paper recycling
 - Green purchasing policy
 - Environmental Commission
 - Tree protection ordinance
- Uncertain
 - Community garden - AARP Grant - Possible for Camp Endeavor land - The one at Bayberry may still be in place - Kim to speak with Bayberry. Status of the garden at the library is uncertain. Kim to speak with the Garden Club (Vonnie Mott). Denise will ask Girl Scouts.
 - Municipal program for discounted energy audits
- Not for this year/potential for 2022
 - Energy Audit
 - Building energy efficiency

Wendy to work on re-authorization resolution for green team

- For next meeting

Bill to supply any ordinances/resolutions/policies already in place

- Bill provided to Charlie

Denise to work with Carolyn Solon on OEM items

- In progress

Charlie to contact Rachel F. re: Green Fair

- Spoke with Susan from Greenbrook, but has not spoken with Rachel yet.

Charlie to review priority items for applicability

- See next agenda item

Target action items for recertification

Charlie to send list for people to sign up for

Status on action items

Tabled due to time

Green Fair

Kim provided history

- Annual fair in conjunction with Warren
- Suspended in 2020 due to pandemic

Wendy states it is to be led by Green Team

Susan

- Date set for 9/25 10:00 - 1:00
- Vendors contacted to ensure available for that date
 - Paper shredding
 - Electronics recycling
 - SAMR vs New Tech
 - SAMR takes anything electrical (anything with a plug), but doesn't provide personnel, just a bin that gets picked up
 - New Tech provides personnel, but limited to electronics (computer, tv, etc.)
 - Going with New Tech (county provider)
- Warren does not want in-person other than drop-off/pick up
- Plan A - in person, plan B - drive-through only
- Warren has the municipal complex reserved, but we can look at WHRHS. Wendy will speak with Watchung police about staffing prescription collection if not at Warren.
- Denise to speak with Alex Brown about EV
- Denise to speak with Carolyn about staffing paper shredding

Actions

- Wendy to check with council to see if there is desire to move forward with farmers market at Best Lake due to traffic concerns.
- Wendy to work on reauthorization resolution, Charlie to assist with wording
- Kim to speak with schools and garden club regarding status of gardens at Bayberry and Library
- Denise to speak with Girl Scouts regarding status of garden
- Denise to follow up with Carolyn S. regarding OEM action items
- Charlie to speak with Rachel F. (carry over item from 3/2/21 meeting)
- Charlie to circulate list of target action items for recertification, all members to accept specific action items for documentation.
- Denise to speak with contact regarding EV vehicles for fair
- Denise to speak with Carolyn regarding CERT staffing for paper shredding and other aspects of green fair

Meeting End time:

12:15 pm