

Meeting Start date and time:

June 21, 2021

3:08 pm

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)

Wendy Robinson

Susan Zeitels

Agenda

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

Prior meeting minutes

Approved - to be posted on website

Bronze Submission

- Submitted on 6/4
- 2 Approved
 - Environmental Commission
 - Tree Protection Ordinance (non-expiring from last submission)
- 2 Require revision, but not details have been provided yet
 - Green Fair - documentation will be required after fair is held
 - Anti-idling - unknown issue
- Remainder are still under review

Green Fair

- Current participants
 - Paper shredding
 - Electronics recycling

- Medicine take-back
- Book collection
- Eyeglass collection
- The Warren green team has been running food collections, but is concerned about the volume collected. Charlie will check with Watchung CERT to see if they can assist.
- Given changes in COVID restrictions, it is worthwhile checking with the Middlebrook Health Commission to see if an in-person event is now permissible.
- The Warren Green Team meeting will be on July 6th at 7:00 pm.

Farmers Market

- Market held on 6/1 and 6/15. 6/8 was canceled due to severe weather.
- Attendance has been low. More advertising is needed.
- One vendor has withdrawn, one new addition, several new under consideration

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	
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

It has been confirmed with Sustainable Jersey that additional action items may be submitted after the June 6th deadline, provided the minimum required for bronze are submitted by that date. The team will work to reach the 350 point level for silver certification this year so that no submission for recertification is required until 2024. There is the potential for significantly more than 350 points. The action items prioritized for completion will be those with the greatest potential to have a positive impact on Watchung.

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 will create a strawman list of action items to reach 350 points - see above.

Follow up actions:

- Charlie will check with Watchung CERT to see if they can assist with food collection.
- Charlie to provide Wendy with requirements for public engagement action items.
- Susan will check with the health commission to see if an interactive event will be possible.

Next meeting:

- Monday, July 19, 2021 3:00 pm

Meeting End time:

4:00 pm