

Sustainable Andover meeting notes
Janis McGovern's House
July 25, 2013
7:00-8:30pm

"Bringing people, businesses and the community together to develop policies and practices to create a sustainable Andover Township for all to enjoy"

Meeting notes:

7/25/13

In attendance: David Kolstad, Karen Yost, Carla Kostelnik, Janis McGovern, Linda Grinthal, Dolores Blackburn, Rosemary Hoffmann, Eric Olsen, Diane Gillespie

Garden update:

- Karen Yost: garden is fully planted, youth corp and pass it along have been helping maintain garden over last few weeks.
- Two pantry visits have been made so far with peas, tomatoes.
- Over next few weeks, Karen will need to purchase garlic, additional later season seeds. Linda will donate some garlic to the plot.
- David read letter to editor from NJ Herald from Carla thanking Newton High School for their plant donation to the garden.

Treasurers and fundraising report:

Balance on account: \$3817.57

- David distributed football mania tickets to the team.
- We really would like to utilize the web-based ticket purchase this year to help expand the reach of our fundraiser.

ACTION:

- David to submit voucher for purchase of rain garden plants in the amount of \$237.
- David will send out the "pitch" to the group and any background information to help sell tickets. Have until first week of September. Must sell 100 tickets to enroll in automatic winner program. **Goal is to sell 130 tickets.**

New business:

Sustainable Jersey proposal

Group agrees with proposed 2013-14 workplan

- Motion to accept workplan: David, second Karen All in favor

ACTION:

- Carla will speak with Natalie Berger to see if interested in coordinating Winter farmers market
- Rosemary will help with the proofreading proposal—which is due on August 4th.

- Draft will be circulated to team for final review. David, Karen and Eric will meet next week to discuss

Community Outreach and Education

Initial topics to develop content: Local Food, Stormwater, Success stories (About Us), Recycling, calendar of events, what you can do--"Grow a green yard" "Go Green" (home composting, etc.), Kid friendly information (science project topics)

David told group to check out nationbuilder.com

ACTIONS:

- Eric will send out guidance (assignment) to the teams on what to develop before the next meeting. Teams to develop a "mission" for each of these initiatives. What is it we want to accomplish?
- Karen to take on Composting--short film on composting and the About US page.
- Dolores to take on Rain Garden information--put up video developed by Ryan Bills
- Rosemary--Recycling
- Carla and Janis to kids focused green topics.
- Linda-Local food
- Everyone else to think about "what you can do" topics

Potential New Projects:

Diane Gillespie from public brought these new actions where we could get some easy points:

- 📌 Caring for Conservation Easements and Easement Inventory Actions.
- 📌 Environmental assessment ordinance (Environmental Impact Statement)--requirement from our land use board should get us points.
- 📌 Pledge of support for state wildlife action plan.

ACTION:

- All team members to research all these actions to decide at next meeting whether or not to proceed. Diane will send email with links to where information can be found.

Other business

David would like to schedule a group photo for next meeting.

Next meeting will be held at Carla's house Thursday August 29th @ 7pm.

Adjourn @ 9:26.