

Sustainable Andover meeting notes
Dolores Blackburn's house
July 17, 2014
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:

In attendance: Eric Olsen, Carla Kostelnik, Karen Yost, Rosemary Hoffmann, Dolores Blackburn, Al Bills, Linda Grinthal

Guest: Diane Gillespie

Old Business

Project updates

- **Community Garden plot**—will make first delivery on 7/18/14. About 6-7 lbs of produce to the Bodhi food pantry. Newton high school has donated 60 tomato plants, 52 pepper plants, 50 cabbages all planted at Carla's farm in addition to garden plot plants.

ACTION: Karen to post garden/harvest photos on Facebook

- **Rain barrel workshop** was a nice success. 15 participants left with a new rain barrel. We should think about doing our own rain barrel workshop in 2015. We can make a SA sticker for placement on barrel for some awareness building. Possible 2015 project.

ACTION: Linda will send press release about the workshop.

- **Rain garden signage**—making progress on the sign, collecting content and will meet next month with Rosemary to start narrowing down content and begin design process. Budget for project up to \$1000 to be installed by October 2014.

- **New rain gardens**—ideas for new locations beyond the schools: Dales, town hall.

ACTION: Al to reach out to other troop to determine if other scouts are nearing eagle scout qualifications.

ACTION: All to think more about building the garden at Dales, where and who would lead?

- **Website** Eric, with Carla and Diane will set up meeting with Phil to kick-off website development

ACTION: Everyone else will gather their assigned info & come prepared for August meeting

- **Andover Twp partnership project**—Would like to do an awareness campaign about Sustainable Andover and our purpose and goals, with a particular focus on other town depts (DPW, economic development committee, police, open space, recreation and environmental commissions)

ACTION: Ask open space, enviro commission to attend our November potluck. Carla to talk with open space. Eric and Dolores to talk with EC.

New Business

2015 project ideas:

- Work with Rutgers water resources Dept. to do a township wide impervious surface assessment and natural infrastructure plan.

ACTION: Eric to email Chris Obropta from Rutgers to get more info.

- Al--Should be thinking about recycling projects.
 - Could focus on outreach/awareness on recycling dropoffs
- Diane--local economy actions, support green business.
 - First step: reach out to key contacts, start building relationships with non-traditional partners. Start with economic development committee (Rick Melfi) and DPW (Darren Dickerson).

ACTION: All to think about projects for 2015 and bring ideas to next meeting.

Next meeting Thursday August 21 @ 7pm @ Andover town hall.

Rosemary move to adjourn 8:47.