

Sustainable Andover meeting notes
Sunset View farms
September 25, 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"

In attendance: Eric Olsen, Rosemary Hoffmann, Al Bills, Linda Grinthal, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik
Guest: Diane Gillespie, Janis McGovern

Community Garden plot

To date the team has donated 620 1/2 lbs of produce to bodhi food pantry

ACTION: Eric to work with Linda and Carla to pull together a press release for the garden (include Sunset View, Newton HS, Sustainable Andover)

Rain garden sign

Eric shared mockup of design, discussion and feedback collected.

ACTION: Eric to send pedestal picture and specs to Al. Al will determine if he could fabricate.

ACTION: Motion by David to increase budget to accommodate the potential increase in shipping for the sign, Rosemary Second, All in favor

ACTION: Once have a new version of design Eric to send out for comments to whole team

Website: Defer design of website until after rain garden sign completed

ACTION: Linda will reach out to Phil Schaming to let him know about our deferring the website development until November

Certification Update

The Sustainable Jersey luncheon at league of Municipalities meeting to be held November 18 12-1:30 in Atlantic City. Tickets for municipalities are \$35. If we get our certification, we'll be acknowledged and we should have a Sustainable Andover group in attendance.

ACTION: Motion by Rosemary for Sustainable Andover to pay for green team members tickets to Sustainable Jersey luncheon, second by Linda, All in favor

Winter Farmers market

Date: Sunday February 22, 2015 10-3

Carla to lead the market again. Assemble small committee to help organize.

ACTIONS:

- All to send any potential vendors to Carla.
- All to send ideas for farmers market improvement to Carla. (eric send carla the debrief notes)

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Project ideas brainstorm/discussion

- Farmer's market (Carla)
- Rain gardens at Dale's and at the schools (Al Bills)

- Make a point to gather documentation for actions we've completed but need more documentation (Diane G.)
- Get more committees, departments more engaged in the Sustainable Jersey program. Better communication will help us be more successful by having more people under the tent
 - One example--create department memo recognizing/acknowledging the town for its accomplishment and how each of us has contributed, etc.
- Efficient/"edible" landscape design (Linda)
- Grass cut it and leave it program (Diane)
- Composting (Janis and Diane)--in general but mainly leaves and grass (Backyard composting program)**
- Recycling projects--materials reuse program. (Eric)

ACTION: All responsible parties to do homework and come prepared with proposal to next meeting for inclusion in 2015 workplan.

Other business

- Open space committee is hosting on Sunday 9/28 1pm an invasive species cleanup at lake Iliff access off Limecrest Road. Bring gloves and tools.

Next meetings:

Thursday October 16, @ 7pm, location TBD

Thursday November 20 @ 6:30 Hillside House: Joint Sustainable Andover, Environmental Commission, Open Space potluck meeting