

Sustainable Andover meeting notes  
Hillside House  
February 26, 2015  
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, Al Bills, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik, Karen Yost  
Guest: Diane Gillespie

Absent: Dolores Blackburn, Linda Grinthal

Ongoing initiatives

- Celebration, short debrief for Winter Farmers Market
  - Change time of event in 2016 to 11-3
  - Eric will send Carla the winter market flier (snowman)
  - ACTION: For 2016, in September create a real budget for costs associated with market--music, advertising
  - Date for 2016 market is February 21, 2016 from 11-3. Reserve barn for date.
  - ACTION: All to look for vendors over the next year. Carla will update the Sustainable Andover business cards with the 2016 date and will bring copies to the next meeting.

Regroup in September, for planning of future markets, things to discuss: Develop criteria for a vendor to be at market. Develop requirements for the vendors--certain table style.

- Rain garden
  - Al has a young scout, Kyle Blaze that will take on the project at the Long Pond School.
  - ACTION: Kyle will prepare a preliminary plan and will come to March meeting
  - ACTION: Eric can research the plants, construction plans for the rain garden & get them over to Al.
- Community garden
  - Purpose of the endeavor is to deliver organic, locally grown produce for neighbors in need
  - ACTION: Need to change the name of this endeavor and think about the means to help advance this.
  - ACTION: David made Motion, Carla second, All in favor to send thank you to Linda for her contribution of the plot since 2012 turning down plot for 2016
- Website development
  - ACTION: Eric will pull together the website committee and reach out to Phil.

New Business/initiatives

- Buy/shop local campaign
  - ACTION: Small committee formed: Eric, Diane, David. Eric will continue to research this concept to turn it into an Andover initiative to partner with the Economic Development Committee. Diane will help research other buy local campaigns.
- Outreach and Education programs—do we need a committee?
  - Paper shredding
  - Composting/Backyard composting program
  - Recycling
  - Grass cut it and leave it program
  - ACTION: small committee formed Karen and Janis to begin pulling this information together for the website, facebook page.
- Potential project to plant wildflower meadows at the Bodhi monastery or at the Hillside park
  - ACTION: In spring, scout the Hillside park for potential siting.

Next meeting Thursday March 26 @ 7pm at hillside house