

Sustainable Andover meeting notes  
Hillside House  
January 27, 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, Linda Grinthal, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik, Karen Yost  
Absent: Dolores Blackburn

2015 reorg, vote for Chairperson

Carla nominated Eric for chair, David second, no other nominations. Eric Olsen, reappointed chair for 2015.

### Old Business

- Solidifying the 2015 Workplan

- *Rain gardens at the schools*--The schools are interested to get earth club involved. We could get a scout to do it or lead it with getting the earth club involved. Begin with the rehab of the Long pond school rain garden. Get this mobilized for construction in May 2015. Possibly combine with an open space tree planting project.

#### ACTIONS:

- Al will reach out to Terry VanAuken and Mrs Myers.
- Carla will ask Mr. Wright at Newton High school to get access to native rain garden plants.
- Eric will consult with Rutgers, or other rain garden experts.
- *Community garden*--Carla has provided tomato, pepper, and cabbage seed to Newton High School for planting on her property. Not sure if we want to continue plot at community garden. We could instead really promote the Grow a Row program. Or we could just plant one item in the garden.

**ACTION:** If we are to evolve this program we need think about this more and come back to next meeting with a stronger theme for this activity.

- *Grass cut it and leave it program*--education program to get the word out about the importance of this. We can put this info on our Facebook page, community bulletin, website
- *Paper shredding event*--we can get the points for simply promoting, educating residents about the shredding events, trying to track how many residents participate, how much paper (weight) is shredded from our residents.

**ACTION:** Karen will pull together paper shredding postcards for the Winter Market

- *Composting/Backyard composting program*. More discussion, research needed. Can we add a raffle to the winter market for a backyard composter and/or rain barrels?

**ACTION:** Karen will reach out to Janis to discuss this action

**ACTION:** Order a rain barrel and a backyard composter--Eric will reach to Robyn.

Other projects for discussion at future meetings:

- Recycling projects--materials reuse program
- Website development (look at securing the name sustainableandovernj.org)
- Town visioning process

**ACTION:** We will compile these actions into a workplan with budgets and submit for Sust. Jersey grant in fall

## New Business

Winter Farmers Market February 22nd, 10-3pm: 18 vendors so far

### **ACTIONS:**

- Carla will send everyone the vendor list
- Al will recruit some scouts to help with setup from 8:45-9:30 and 3-4 for breakdown
- Carla will create flier for the schools, other distribution within next 10 days.
- Linda will reach out to press for day of coverage
- Al will ask Ryan to create rain garden presentation for the event
- Karen will begin weekly postings on Sustainable Andover page
- Need to think about additional promotional avenues.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Karen will create postcards for composting, cut and leave program and paper shredding
- David to create table displays. Photos and short project narratives.
- Need to create a vendor map and a vendor list with contact info

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