

# BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

## GREEN TEAM AGENDA

September, 9 2014 - 3:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL:

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### REPORTS:

#### A. SUBMISSION

Samantha at Sustainable New Jersey has approved a filing exception and we are permitted to submit all actions (completed & not completed) by September 13<sup>th</sup> and would need to have all actions completed by November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### B. ADDITIONAL TO GREEN TEAM- Welcome Cameron Black

#### C. UPLOADED AND COMPLETED ACTIONS

1. Municipal Carbon Footprint (10 Points)
2. Community Education and Outreach (10 Points)
3. Create a Green Team (10 Points)
4. Grass-Cut It and Leave It Program-5 points- DC, Have printed materials from County available.
5. Recycled Materials and Composting- 10 points
6. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling- 10 points  
The Garden Club has bins at the library to collect water bottle caps, which are then sent elsewhere for recycling. The Garden Club has been contacted and we are waiting for some literature regarding the program. Bulk pick up does not qualify. We also pick up Christmas trees and need to verify if this also qualifies.
7. Hold a Green Fair (10 Points)
8. Inventory and Upgrade All Buildings (10 Points)
9. Community or School Gardens (10 Points)
10. Innovative Community Project 1 (10 Points)-Operation Pride
11. Open Space Plans (10 points)

#### D. UPLOADED ACTIONS – WAITING ON SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS

1. Green Challenges & Community Programs- Need documentation showing Mayor & Council took on a paperless challenge
2. Prescription Drug and Safety and Disposal-10 points – Need 1 more drop off day. We can discuss with police department or Lions Club. DC
3. Innovative Community Project 3- Ink cartridges- Need certificates from 2012-2014 to upload

#### E. UPLOADED ACTIONS- NEED TO COMPLETE ACTIONS

1. Anti-Idling Education& Enforcement Program- 10 Points  
Signs have been purchased, need to identify target areas and have Watchung PD develop enforcement. Get approval for DPW to put up signs at Watchung Square Mall and for Chief Cina to have PD enforce. Need to create a map showing where the signs will be posted and a memo to PD regarding enforcement.
2. Innovative Community Project 2 Rain barrels- 10 points  
Six rain barrels were purchased, however we need to identify areas to place them. Also we need doc documentation with project scope and outreach initiatives. We need to discuss placement with DPW and also create flyers for community outreach, website, and Facebook. Would this action also qualify for Water Conservation Education Program-10 points or Minimize Water Consumption [10 points]. BH already emailed TEA regarding this. We will provide 1 rain barrel to the Library and one to the high school. SP/BH will speak to DPW about placement.
3. Climate Adaption: Flooding Risk-20 points

Already utilized tool to create map. Need to designate a team that will answer questions from website. BH did email TEA regarding this. TEA said its okay to discuss with Assistant Engineer and OEM and then set up a meeting.

4. Green Purchasing Policy by Ordinance-10 points  
Policy developed, but need council to adopt it. Green Building Policy/ Resolution- 5 points-  
Need to discuss with Environmental Commission. Member of EC was invited to the meeting.  
This may not be possible due to costs associated with purchasing Green.

5. Recycled Paper- 10 points- Contingent on Adopt a Green Building Policy

6. Farmer's Markets-10 points from August to September 2x – SP did discuss with TEA and Board of Health. Waiting to speak with EB regarding zoning and Borough Attorney.

8. Reusable Bag Education Program- 5 points  
Contacted ShopRite and obtained some literature on Reusable Bag Program.TF

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13. Energy Efficiency- Home Performance with Energy Star Municipal Program (20 points) and Outreach program (10 points) - Contacted Ciel Power, which offers discounted energy assessments for residents. They have implemented program in several municipalities, and two were contacted (Woodbridge & Princeton) and were very satisfied with the program. Literature sent to Law and Ordinances Committee to review.

14. Grounds & Maintenance/Create a Policy-10 points  
Policy developed but need Council to adopt. BH

15. Environmental Commission- 10 points (BH) – Need their annual report to submit

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**F. ARTICLE FOR LOCAL PAPER-** Watchung Green Team initiatives

**F. OATH OF OFFICE-**

**G. COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER TOWNS-**