

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

GREEN TEAM MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2014 - 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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REPORTS:

A. Additional Members Added to Green Team via Resolution:

Tera Feigen, Diana Canellis, Elena Rubino, Shelini Parikh

B. Filing for Certification Deadline

Target submission date 11/23/14.

C. Actions already submitted:

1. Create Green Team- 10 Points
2. Hold a Green Fair- 10 points

D. Completed Actions but have not been submitted:

1. Inventory & Upgrade All Buildings (Clean Energy Audit) - 50 points
2. Open Space Plans- 10 points (Performed in 2006)
3. Community Paper Shredding Day- 5 points
4. Backyard Composting Program- 5 points- Need literature to upload
5. Energy Efficient Appliances- 10 points-
6. Municipal Carbon Footprint- 10 points- Bill Hance will pursue.

E. Open Actions

1. Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program- 10 Points
Signs have been purchased, need to identify target areas and have Watchung PD develop enforcement.
2. Raingardens- 10 points
Six (6) rain barrels purchased, however we need to identify areas to place them. Also we need documentation with project scope and outreach initiatives.
3. Community Education & Outreach- 10 points
Qualifying actions by Environmental Committee: Queen of the Sun Movie, Water Garden Seminar, and literature (Healthy Vibrant Trees, Healthy Lawns, Cars & Air Pollution, Composting, Go Green, Tree Flyer, Tree Preservation Brochure, Water Smart/3 Stages of Drought, Pet Waste, Storm water, Homeowner's Checklist for Clean Water, Bloom Times, and Things You can do...) distributed by Environmental Commission, sent in school Backpack News via email and also posted on Borough's website
4. Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Ordinance-10 points. Policy developed, but need Council to adopt it.
5. Recycled Paper- 10 points- Contingent on Adopt a Green Building Policy
6. Community or School Garden- Girl Scout Troop 65631 under the guidance of the Garden Club, planted a community garden behind the library of which the produce will be donated to local food banks. DC will follow up with this.
7. Farmer's Market- 10 points- Will run from August to September 2X a month. SUP will coordinate.
8. Recycled Materials and Composting- 10 points- Need to verify if tree mulch will qualify.
9. Grass Cut It and Leave it Program- 5 points- DC will follow up

10. Reusable Bag Education Program- 5 points

Contacted ShopRite and obtained some literature on Reusable Bag Program. TF will follow up

11. Climate Adaption: Flooding Risk-20 points

Already utilized tool to create map. Need to designate a team that will answer questions from website.

12. Direct Install- Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community-10 points

Already made 3 or more attempts to contact the contractor designated to our area and have had no success.

13. 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.

14. 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 TEA for review and if acceptable will be forwarded to Mayor & Council for approval.

15. Grounds & Maintenance/Create a Policy-10 points

Policy developed but need Council to adopt

16. Environmental Commission- 10 points- BH will follow up for their annual report.

17. Prescription Drug and Safety Disposal- 10 points- We need 1 more drop off day. We can discuss with the police department and Lions Club. DC may assist with this action.

18. Tree Protection Ordinance- 10 points- Need to provide a link to the Tree Protection Ordinance in web codes, certified copy of resolution adopting ordinance, certified adopted ordinance and descriptions of the standards that relate to the Ordinance Structure listed on NJ Sustainable website. (Need paperwork from Engineering)

F. REPORTS - OTHER: No additional reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Shelini Parikh