

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

April 9, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

Present : Robert Jewell, Joe Watters, Connie Andershonis, Elaine Drazek, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Dawn Smith, Leigh Raffaele, and Jennifer Keggan

Also Present : Don Proefrock

**Sustainable Jersey Grant:** Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the final report was submitted to Sustainable Jersey on March 19, 2015. Sustainable Jersey acknowledged receipt of same on March 24, 2015. On March 27, 2015 Sustainable Jersey wrote "This was a wonderfully written report. It has been approved. We were very impressed, and wondered if you would mind us including it as a resource in the resource section of our rain gardens actions?" Mrs. Fascenelli surveyed the Green Team members via email regarding Sustainable Jersey's request and it was a unanimous "YES" that Sustainable Jersey could use the report on their web-site as an example.

Mrs. Fascenelli also advised the Township Committee of the above at the Township's regular meeting on April 8, 2015. An audience member (Ms. Elizabeth Griggs) congratulated the Green Team and suggested that the comments from Sustainable Jersey and the report be posted on the Township's web-site.

**Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal:** Mrs. Fascenelli spoke with the Police Secretary and was advised that the program has been discontinued. Mrs. Andershonis suggested that the Green Team contact Walgreens, CVS, etc. in order to facilitate a prescription drug take-back event.

**Reusable Bag Education Program:** Mrs. Andershonis stated she has arranged to perform a reusable bag education program for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of the Mansfield Township Elementary School. Each student will receive a cloth bag. Mrs. Andershonis will also be reaching out to local businesses in the area regarding this action item.

**Community Garden:** Unfortunately, it is too late to start work on the community garden for 2015.

**Backyard Composting Workshop:** Compost workshop is scheduled for May 16, 2015 at the Municipal Building from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be two key speakers, Marleny Franco and Jesse Lubkiewicz. Any cost associated with this event will be paid from the Recycling Tonnage Grant.

**Support Local Businesses:** Mrs. Andershonis will follow up with Mrs. Raffaele regarding the status of this action item.

**Carbon Footprint:** Mr. Proefrock stated information has been inputted on the spreadsheets for 2010 – 2014. Additional information from the Department of Publics Supervisor is required in order to completely finish 2014. Mr. Watters asked Mr. Proefrock how much time he devoted to this project –

Mr. Proefrock answered “well over 100 hours”. The report will be given to the Township Committee for their review and Mr. Proefrock would be available for any questions.

**Water Conservation Report:** Mr. Proefrock has completed a majority of this report. There are only a few minor areas that need input. The Green Team will complete the necessary information.

**Materials Reuse Program:** The Town Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. The date to register has been extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Balloons and signs will be ordered. Mrs. Andershonis will make copies of the map at Staples. The Green Team will advertise the event.

Mrs. Fascenelli will provide Mrs. Andershonis with reports (2014) from the companies that have clothing bins located in the township. This information could possibly be used for this action item.

**Recertification:** Mrs. Andershonis advised the deadline for recertification is June 7, 2015. Mansfield will need 150 points in order to maintain bronze level certification. At this time it appears that we have obtained 190 points for submission. The Natural Resource Inventory can be reused for this recertification (20 points) but will expire in 2016. Updates are needed for the paper shredding events, backyard composting, and year end reports for the Environmental Commission (2012- 2014).

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS:

April 25<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Town-Wide yard sale 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

May 16, 2015 – Backyard Composting Workshop – Mansfield Township Municipal Building 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli