

Sustainable Frenchtown

7:30 PM

August 9, 2016

Attendees: Joel Boriek, Leigh Marino, Holly Low, Jim Meade, Adrienne Crombie, Tom Woodruff, Mike Lewis

Minutes of July meeting approved by majority vote

Report out on Sustainable Jersey 2016 actions:

Bill OBrien is on track to get documentation on Prescription Drug disposal program on the site by the September deadline

Lacey — Smoke free spaces, she's on track to document by September 11

Holly Low — paper shredding day is set for end of August at DPW, Holly will develop an announcement and give to Dave Cahill to post on borough website, ask mayor to forward to emails, email announce, Facebook, and Michele Liebttag will include in recycling newsletter that goes out this week.

Joel Boriek — Jim and he are working to get the wildlife action plan pledge from borough council, will draft memo explaining intent and purpose to municipal staff and borough council and get on September meeting.

Jim Meade — Shade Tree Commission work, he reached out to Bob Haver from the Commission, provided an extensive draft community forests and tree cover goal, been submitted to the state for approval. They are meeting next week to get the mid year report and tree cover goal uploaded; Jim felt like we were in good shape

Leigh Marino — Margaret to send her the notes from the Creative Team meeting so she can upload minutes to our SJ application, and val is working on the mission statement. For the school garden, the DPW provided wood chips, so we can demonstrate town support, and we will also highlight the garden on the EC website

Leigh then re-introduced the mission statement from last meeting, she took committee feedback and updated the mission statement to include the elements we discussed. We agreed that this was a working, organic statement, it may change as we work to better define sustainability and how we apply that in our community; for now, the group felt this a good representation of our intent. The mission statement was approved unanimously and Leigh will contact Laura about putting this and we approved the logo, which she will also update our communications stuff. Leigh has access

Despite our desire to be present at Rivefest and use this as opportunity to get community feedback and engagement, everyone feeling overwhelmed by what's on our plates right now, and the short time we have to wrap up our Sustainable Jersey application for recertification. We agreed to take a pass on Riverfest for now, acknowledging that people don't have bandwidth to do it, but we will keep this in our scope for next year.

Jim and joel talked about the great work of SCA, the trail work that was done by the high school crew and how the trails have never looked better. Leigh and Jim will work to publicize on Facebook page, share photos, and solicit feedback from citizens on the trail that we can send to SCA.

EC agreed that we would keep Sustainable Frenchtown as part of the regular meetings, things will likely slow down after we meet our deadline.

Margaret reported on the scope of work for the application for the small grant from Sustainable Frenchtown. She is incorporating the feedback and wishlist that the committee brainstormed a few weeks back, and including the following in the request: Improvements to the recycling yard, a community pledge/education related to reducing plastic bag use and litter, a creative assets audit, natural resource inventory, and innovative community project called Artbike. She will distribute a draft application to the committee for feedback prior to submission at the end of the month.

8:00 meeting of Sustainable Frenchtown adjourned