

# Sustainable Frenchtown Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
 Time: 8 - 9 PM (following  
 Location: Borough Hall

## Meeting Agenda

Topic/Issue		Facilitator	Min.
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April meeting minutes</li> </ul>	Margaret	5 min
Vision, goals, and priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget -- money \$\$</li> </ul>	Margaret	5 min
Project lead reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti Idling Campaign -- progress and public education component</li> <li>• Creative Assets/Team -- update on THAT and other happenings</li> <li>• Recycling Yard</li> <li>• Environmental Resource Inventory</li> </ul>	Nathan Leigh Keith/Jim Joel	30 min.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website updates?</li> </ul>	ALL	5
Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and opportunities?</li> <li>• Anything else?</li> </ul>	ALL	?

### Meeting Minutes:

**Called to order at 8 PM**

**In attendance: Joel Boriek, Tom Woodruff, Margaret Waldock, Pete Palac, Nathan Charon, Adrienne Crombie, John Mizin, Leigh Marino, Deena Roberts (Clinton twp.)**

**Margaret will meet with Frenchtown CFO Diane to confirm available funding for Sustainable Frenchtown. Will report back after meeting.**

**Breathe Free Frenchtown/anti-idling campaign: Nathan dropped of permanent signs, we are posting at the hardware store, Kathy's general store, and preference for the third is the river parking, Joel will talk to state park superintendent about posting there. The fourth permanent sign will go in front of the school. Nathan will coordinate final monitoring of idling cars with kids, middle of May, to determine if campaign has had any impact. The kids will monitor at the school and Tom will monitor at Kathy's, as soon as signs are posted. We are up to 26 anti-idling pledges**

from residents, which seems low. Leigh will post more on the Facebook over the next few weeks (Frenchtown and sustainable frenchtown) to encourage more participation.,

**Creative Team: Leigh Marino** — reported on THAT (The Hunterdon Art Tour) had a big turnout at the museum for the opening event, still waiting for attendance data; Leigh will help Val Sivili write it up so we qualify for Sustainable Jersey points. The Creative Team meets in two weeks, she would like to be prepared to discuss the hiring of a consultant for the creative assets inventory at their next meeting. Leigh, Margaret and Holly need to meet before then to frame out process for soliciting proposals.

Nathan and Val Sivili are also organizing a painting project for the crosswalks, painting the entrances to them, they are working with the school on some temporary painting/art installations. idea is to promote crosswalk usage in town, to promote pedestrian safety. They will keep us posted as the project develops.

Joel reports progress on the recycling yard, Mike Reni is organizing materials now at the recycling yard, gearing up for ordering the concrete barriers.

**Environmental Resources Inventory:**

Consultant Debbie Kratzer met with the Environment Commission and provided an update. She is moving along in her data collection and the EC will organize a public meeting for September to share the draft report. The goal is to complete by end of the year, and have teh Planning Baord adopt it as part of the master play.

WE agreed that collecting stories from Frenchtown residents would be a great contribution to the ERI, to highlight what Frenchtownians appreciate, the natural resources, beauty, special spots, and perspective on how the environment has changed over time. John Mizin suggested we talk with some old timers in town, interview them for the ERI. He mentioned John Geibig and his wife, a school teacher, Lions Club members, etc. Maybe a storycorps booth at the Riverfest and interview people there, as well.

John Mizin reports that he spoke with Kingwood Mayor Richard Dodds about planting pussy willows at the Horseshoe Bend Road Park as a joint fundraiser, or a scouting project; Richard is going to take the initiative to approach us about this. Also the Lions are sponsoring a town wide yard sale—John is taking donations for the town wide garage sale to donate to sustainable Frenchtown.

Brief conversation about River Fest, we need to order some banners! for our booth. Denna will send us info about where to purchase banners made from sustainable materials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:0 PM