

## **Mountain Lakes Green Team**

Meeting 1/10/2014

Present: Marnie Vyff - Chair, Sean Bennett, Paul Odenwelder, Janet Horst, Mimi Kaplan

This is the final calendar year of time to work on the Actions for our December 2014 submission. **The Green Team meetings** will now be monthly on the second Friday of the month at 11:00am. The school representatives have a hard time coming to the Borough Hall at that time so Marnie will discuss it with the school representatives and consider moving the location.

**Joan Best, Jackie Bay and Bob Tovo** spoke with Marnie about their actions before the meeting, as they could not make it. Marnie relayed the information at the meeting.

Joan cannot do the necessary work for the grant application before the January 26th deadline for the recycling container cover. We will have to wait for the next round of grants for that.

Bob would like to apply for a Sustainable Jersey grant for \$2000 for the Energy Tracking & Management Action. He would also like to discuss with Marnie about the outcome of all the work in that action. It should amount to a marked saving of energy, but he was disappointed at the results of the last time we did it. Marnie will read over the Action and meet with Bob.

Jackie made some suggestions for the Anti-Idling action regarding real police enforcement for Marnie to pass on to Paul and Sean. We have three actions that would fall under the "Make Your Own" actions – Wellhead Protection, Waterview, and The Cove Project. Is that too many? Marnie will talk to Sustainable Jersey. Jackie and Marnie also discussed website issues and Jackie will talk to John Lester about updating the Green Team part of the town website.

**Paul Odenwelder**, of the Traffic Safety Committee, is heading up the Anti-Idling Action and the Safe Routes to School Action. Marnie gave him information on what is needed from Sustainable Jersey for the Actions and how to access the site. He will work with his committee. Many ideas were discussed. Sean Bennett, Police Chief is willing to have the school officer focus part of his education material on anti-idling and he will send out a memo to his officers regarding enforcement of the law.

**Sean Bennett**, Police Chief, is heading up the Animals in the Community education. He is holding two education events for the residents annually on living with bears. He gave Marnie the handouts they offer at these events.

**Janet Horst**, the Shade Tree Commission representative, is also interested in grant money for a few of the Actions the Shade Tree Commission is working on. Marnie and Janet made a meeting to work on the grant text. Janet brought in a newspaper clipping that our neighbors, Boonton Twp, just got a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey.

**Marnie** has a connection with a representative from a Rutgers Grant that wants to put rain gardens in the Troy Brook area. A few suggestions on possible Municipal sites were given. Marnie will submit them for the Rain Garden Action.

**Mimi Kaplan** is discouraged that the Municipal Solid Waste Committee has not met in a year even with attempts to encourage a meeting. The recycling numbers are not what we expected and the paper that is picked up repeatedly is not going into the correct bins. The cardboard container is also getting rained on, compromising the quality of our paper recycling. She is ready to do a second recycling audit of the High School in the next month or two.