

# MINUTES OF MOUNTAIN LAKES GREEN TEAM

October 7th, 2022 10:30am

Meeting MLDPW

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Janet Horst, Mimi Kaplan, Lauren Barnett, Marni Vyff, Mitchell Stern, Don Stevens, and Meghan Leininger

New Members

- Introduction to Don Stevens, Welcome!

New Agenda for the coming year - should we continue to pursue the Sustainable NJ certification or should we be more focused on town wide needs?

We already meet 65 points for Sustainable NJ and may make us look more globally so should pursue certification.

The town council is accomplishing many green initiatives:

- An electric vehical for the Police Fleet
- Boro Hall has many environmental innovations per the renovation (Meghan will inquire about information put together by architect to meet environmental innovation for Sustainable NJ points.)
- The solid waste contract now has 2 trucks (one for solid waste, one for recycling) which will eliminate cross contamination
- Wawa has electrical charging stations
- The Station Restaurant will be updated per the historical preservation guidelines
- Joining the Highland Council
- Revise ordinance to reset times which electric blowers can be used, reducing noise pollution
- Work is being done through the council to address possible solar panel options.

The Masterplan for the town is being revised per the 10 years requirement via Planning Baord. It will need to incorporate the new stormwater maintenance issues required at state level. Possible to add additional environmentally conscious items within document to reflect importance in the community.

The long term plan for the lakes is being looked at through the Lakes Commission.

Looking at working with a manufacturer or grant program to start a buy-back program aimed at lawnmowers and leaf blowers. Incentivize the community to change from gas to electric. This might be a good project for the High School members to spearhead.

Next meeting to have connected with outside groups to get their take on their environmental priorities to create next steps and lists of Green Team priorities.

Meeting Concluded at 12:00pm