

MINUTES OF MOUNTAIN LAKES GREEN TEAM

November 3rd, 2023 10:35am

Meeting MLDPW

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Janet Horst, Lauren Barnett, Mimi Kaplan, Don Stevens, and Meghan Leininger

Approved October's Minutes

Don has been working on the anti-idling credit and has gotten significant traction. He and Sargent Gill have been working on many measures, one was an informational session attended by 250+ people. Don plans to upload to the Sustainable NJ website the anti-idling signs, along with the walk to school and bike rodeo fliers. Gill can help do the work to achieve the certificate. The anti-idling signs have been rotating between the schools and the library. Don plans to store the boards at the DPW when not in use.

Our Styrofoam recycling may not be possible anymore due to price increases. Currently ML hauls the Styrofoam to Long Hill as the previous Styrofoam recycler shut their doors. Long Hill plans charges \$3,000/month. Lauren to discuss this program with the Boro of Madison since they have a successful Styrofoam program.

Currently we have installed tobacco-free signs at the beaches, but overall the committee does not think we should further pursue the non-smoking/tobacco-free credit. The Health Department should be the group to enforce and enact more tobacco free spaces.

Mimi plans on making the recycling brochure electronic for 2024.

We will see if we can use Cynthia Korman's clothing recycling drive for a recycling textile credit. Town Club has a bin currently as well as the textile bin at the recycling center currently.

Mountain Lakes will not do tire recycling. This is done at the county level and can be included in the recycling brochure.

Our next meeting is December 1st. All the data needs to be uploaded by May which in turn will tell us how many credits we qualify for before the final July submission. Green Team may be looking for additional members to help.

Lauren to investigate the 'Love them and Leaf them' Program. Encourage people to mulch their leaves and put them in beds instead of taking them to DPW. Can recycling the leaves by running them through the lawn mower.

Meeting Concluded at 11:30pm