

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1— Rain Garden Ribbon Cutting**, Hope School, Wednesday, September 6, 10am

- Students (all), Staff, Board of Ed, Township Committee, EC-GT
- Prior, sending home with students, Pollinator Garden Handout, possibly with little paper seeds packet (label to ID contents, reason, EC-GT), notice of Ribbon-cutting and/or for others at the event
- PIE Blast and How to promote at picnic
- Any other grants in play or on the horizon?

**2— Hope Day 2023 Picnic**, Saturday, September 9; *How many tables?*

- Upcycling: Reaching out to crafters, residents; Will one table be sufficient? Posting on FB inviting to fill out google doc of intention
- **Public Information and Engagement Binder** [Margo]. Ask residents if they are receiving the emails
- **National Wildlife Federation Community Action Program**: display, advertise for certifications, Poster for school raingarden, Seek Outreach and Education goals
- Book Nook Give-Away; maybe a laundry sheet strip?
- WC Sheriffs Project Medicine Drop
- Citizens for Sustainable Development
- Other Possibilities: Rain Garden/Stormwater Management, Speaker Series, Green Fair Save-the-Dates, GF Yard Sale Forms
- PIE Blast to advertise

**3— Swayze Mill Park**

- 64 Native Plants coming from National Wildlife Federation considering Gazebo Garden
- Area cleared except for a single large brush pile to be burned
- Seeking mulch, having all completed in time before the picnic

**4— Clean Communities**

- Debrief on July 21 Clean up; order 2 wagons, at least 5 pails for recycle items, plastic gloves
- Follow up on Park & Ride ownership
- A second clean up for another \$250 is possible, maybe Friday Sept 15 or 22.

**5— Green Fair, “Go Green with Hope” April 27, 2024**

- Check Save-the-Date and the town-wide picnic form for distribution at picnic
- School facilities request approved
- Food Trucks

**6— Membership**

- Letter thanking Raymond for his service
- Recommendations and follow up for new member

**7— Warehouses/Truck Traffic**

- Hope Planning Board Meeting, September 11, advocate removing Warehousing as a conditional use in the POP zone, optimally add in better options
- White Township Planning Board Status (Meeting September 12, 7pm). Seeking Denial

**8—Agriculture Development Board Application** — Letter must be read into the record; next meeting TBD, Possibly September, Thursday 7:30pm.

**9— Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Change**

- Folder is set:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvit6Zfok3UvqecTREZ\\_91QguG?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvit6Zfok3UvqecTREZ_91QguG?usp=sharing)  
Review “Introduction” the first section available
- Set a date and time with Terry Urfer to visit the township property off of Dogwood
- Need climate risk assessment for Hope
- Planning Board has a sub-committee working with warehouses and conditional use in preparation for the next Master Plan update due 2026.  
ID what should be removed, suggest what should be included: a-Hotels and motels. B- Restaurants. C0-Hospitals. D-Automobile service stations. e-Animal hospitals. f-Research facilities. g-Selected light industrial uses and warehousing.

**10— Speaker Series**

- Little Big Farm
- Suggestions

---

**NEW BUSINESS**

**N1— Water Options for the Center of Town:** Petition, Sub-committee

**N2— Festival of Trees:** Level of Participation, Bench placement

---

**CORRESPONDENCE**

---

**OTHER ITEMS**

**O1— Projects/Issues**

Brownfields, Community Solar, Dark Skies/Lighting, Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Recycling Bin, Lead-free Fishing, NJ Forestry Bill, Grants, Great Waters Resolution, National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Program, Neighborhood Plant Exchange, Open Space Inventory, Public Information and Engagement, Recycling Best Practices by the Township with dumpster moved to Municipal Building, Salt Shed, Solid Waste Dumping, Solar Farm Application, Speaker Series, Stormwater Management, Swayze Mill Park Tree Planting, SMP Geese Mitigation/Shoreline buffer