# Hope Township Environmental Committee & Green Team Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Phyllis Strohmeyer, Monica Sobon

VIRTUAL ATTENDEE: Claire Arcaro

**MINUTES:** Minutes deferred to June Meeting

**Note:** Quorum not met

#### **DISCUSSION NOTES**

#### **Green Fair Summary:**

18 Surveys from Exhibitors were received, all were favorable, all indicated interest in 2023
ACTION: Set date at next meeting and notify Exhibitors to save the date

## Rain Barrel Installation/Neighborhood Plant Exchange at Municipal Building

The first plants have been received and already several have been claimed

**ACTION:** Advertise on Facebook; add to a Sustainable Jersey Outreach Action

# Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 20, 2022 (150 points for Bronze, 350 for Silver)

 Although we have uploaded enough action responses to potentially satisfy a bronze certification, we will finish up several actions ID'd below to better ensure sufficient action points: <a href="https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/">https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/</a>

**ACTION:** In progress towards completion: Creative Assets Inventory, Site Review, Community Education and Outreach, Private Well Testing

### **Appreciation Dinner Bag Give-aways**

 250 Blue versions of the green "Bag Up NJ" ;arge grocery bags arrived in time for the Appreciation Dinner. 100 bags are still available as give-aways

# **NJDEP Public Hearing Letter**

Emails sent to all and hard copies distributed at meeting of sample letter for email and USPS

**ACTION:** Everyone is encouraged to personalize and send email and regular mail asap

### **Tree Seedlings Report, Planting**

- 2 interview reports were competed at meeting
- There are 2 Salem Seedlings and 18 regular Forestry seedlings to plant

**ACTION:** Complete reporting to forestry for the 525 seedlings

### **Speaker Series**

- Virtual aspect as Webex tested for this meeting; a total virtual series was recommended
- Suggestion was made to share ownership of the series with other towns
- C.Arcaro pointed out Allamuchy's Wildlife Certification and the possibility of a presentation in September
- Another speaker suggestion: Jack Powell of Sanico for recycling

**ACTION:** At next meeting decide on first speaker and date

### **Climate Change Planning**

 Suggestion that EC-GT read through the state's toolkit for and make recommendations to the Planning Board. Copy and paste the link, or search for "Resilient NJ toolkit" https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9daab51c2f5542969d50437522e012c4/page/OVERVI EW/

**ADJOURNMENT:** at 8:40 PM