

Sustainable South Orange Committee
Village Hall, South Orange, NJ - June 18, 2009

Attendees

Katie Nosker
Larry Aronson
Walter Clarke
Alyssa Aronson
Dawn Williams

1. Elected officers:
 - a. Chair: Walter
 - b. Secretary: Katie
2. Group Mission/Review of town resolution
 - a. Promote sustainability in South Orange. Many ways we can do that
 - i. Hold green fairs, potentially with Maplewood
 - b. Identify and coordinate sustainability-related actions among different groups
 - c. Advise the board about money: how to get grants and cut costs
 - d. Empower residents to incorporate sustainability into their own lives
 - e. Make sure Green Team has necessary members
 - i. Walter will get a Board of Trustees liaison
 - ii. We need the following representatives: Public Works, Engineering, 2 community members, Board of Trustees liaison
 - iii. Dawn will reach out to community members
 - f. Do we have any authority? No, we're a facilitating body. We'll need to get our own commissions to do their parts
3. Goals
 - a. Near term goal: help the town check Sustainable New Jersey boxes to register.
Deadline is September 9th for municipalities to get recognition by November
 - b. Long term goal: create a sustainable community
4. Actions
 - a. Each member of the committee will take a section of the Sustainable New Jersey list to read about and understand. We will reconvene on July 16th to share our knowledge and talk with Howard and Janine to find out what things South Orange is already doing to shorten path to certification.
 - i. Katie: Land Use & Transportation, Operations & Maintenance, Sustainability Planning, Innovative Demonstration Projects
 - ii. Dawn: Community Partnership & Outreach, Diversity & Equity, Green Design
 - iii. Walter: Energy Efficiency, Greenhouse Gas, Health & Wellness
 - iv. Larry: Local Economies, Natural Resources, Waste Reduction & Recycling, will also look at Geothermal Energy Demonstration Project
 - b. Certification Process: Everything goes through Walter for coordination
5. Other notes on the program

- a. Sustainable NJ needs a “Wow me!” category to encourage towns to be innovative
 - b. Sustainable NJ is developing different levels of certification. Right now, they’re just working on a sort of bronze level
 - c. The steering committee is a group of Mayors
6. Next meeting:
- a. July 16th. Walter to get Howard and Janine to that meeting
 - b. After that, we’ll meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Village Hall