



Township of Hillsborough

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SUSTAINABLE HILLSBOROUGH STEERING COMMITTEE
Conference Room A
Meeting Minutes
5/21/24
7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Group did Pledge.
3. **NOTICE OF MEETING** - This meeting has been duly advertised according to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 ("Sunshine Law").

4. Roll call:

☒ Dr. Christopher Obropta	☒ Sabin Amanullah (Alternate #2)
☒ Dr. Kelly Francisco	☒ Tito Sharma
☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant
☒ Robin Vlamis (Alternate #1)	

☐ Deputy Mayor John Ciccarelli - TC Liaison
☐ Committeeman Lipani - TC Liaison
☐ Allison Laning-Beder - BOE Liaison
☒ Zuzana Karas - EBDO/Sustainability Director (by phone)
☒ Clare Liptak (member of the public)
☒ Daniel Shepsis (member of the public)
☒ Charlotte Bruchey (member of the public)

Note: TC needs to appoint two more members to fill vacant spots. Resumes have been sent to them.

5. **Acceptance of Minutes** - Robin motioned to approve the minutes. Kelly seconded. Accepted.
6. **Correspondence**
None
7. **Business from the Floor**
Charlotte introduced herself and offered to help the committee.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Sustainable Jersey submission done May 10
 - [Water Story](#) first portion submitted, will submit next part after Green Living & Wellness Fair
 - Local Health Assessment submitted, waiting for feedback

- b. Arts in the Park - held 2 events where squares were painted. Will be doing a few more events on the next few Wednesdays 1-3pm. Designs can be created or use templates.
- c. Community [Sustainability Plan \(Previous plan\)](#)
 - [Draft updates](#) - lots of different sections, will need to be reviewed and updated, including Action items. Section assignments:
 1. Daniel - Mobility/Transportation/Land Use
 2. Tito - Energy & Carbon Footprint
 3. Kelly - Local Economy
 4. Environment - open
 5. Robin - Community
 6. Chris to write new section on Adaptation to Climate Change.
 - Kelly will share documents with the group.
 - Timeline for completion - end of 2024
 - Perhaps we have authors of original Sustainability Plan come to speak about it.
- d. Discussion on Farmers Market in town since Duke Farms left. There are a few small farm shops, but often their prices are higher than what you'd find in the grocery store.
- e. Electric [Vehicle Community Outreach action](#)
 - Tito and Kelly will develop list of locations that have public chargers
- f. Green Living & Wellness Fair
 - Sat June 1st 8am to 11am
 - YMCA is doing Hillsborough Hop that morning.
 - Ride Wise is doing a bike donation drive. June 15th they will be distributed.
 - All members are invited to attend.
 - Ask YMCA if they will have a compost bin for bananas.
 - Charlotte will research composting to see if we can put that information on the SH table. Robin will reach out to her about volunteering at the fair.

9. New Business

- a. Sustainable Jersey Summit presentations (can view them [online](#))
 - Excellent presentations, recommend that more committee members attend the Summit next year
 - Learned about opportunities to share events and information across towns. Should promote our stuff to Montgomery, Franklin, etc.
 - Session on food waste (Dry composter Rocket machine)
- b. [Bee City](#) - Would make sense for Hillsborough; consider for next year
- c. Styrofoam Recycling - Princeton Molding (in Somerville) uses styrofoam to make picture frames. Perhaps we could do an event where the community donates their styrofoam and we donate it to them. Clare will get us more information for next meeting.
- d. Clare is researching Conservation Seeds to encourage pollinators instead of daffodils. Chris gave her a name to contact.

ADJOURNMENT

Tito made motion to adjourn and Sabin seconded. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be Tuesday June 18th at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Robin Vlamis.