

## **New Market Green Team**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**13, 2019**

**Members present:** Jen Runkles, Chair; Dave Mott, Vice Chair; Ashly Taylor Wright, Katy Chase, Karen Capiella, Jake Romanell, Town Council Liaison.

#### **Topics Discussed:**

1. South Mountain CSA – Discussion was held on how to further advertise the South Mountain CSA. Advertisements should include pricing options and discount availability. CSA sign-ups will go through the New Market Green Team portal so that the Team can collect and analyze data.
2. Farmers Market – The initial Farmers Market was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Feedback from the vendors was positive. The market's food vendors sold all of their products. Feedback from the attendees were positive except for comments regarding the limited number of food/produce vendors. These comments were addressed by stating that more food/produce vendors will be at future markets.
3. Composting Bins – Twenty-six persons have signed up for composting bins. Seventeen bins will be given to persons at the farmers market, once town staff notifies the Team that the person paid for the bin.

The Team needs to purchase ten more bins. The Frederick City and Greenbelt depots are low in supply. Frederick City will place an order for more bins in the near future. The Team will purchase additional bins when the bins arrive at Frederick City.

4. Rain Barrels – The Team completed a rough draft of a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant application for \$2,400.00. The grant application will be submitted on June 3, 2019. The rain barrel supplier, the ARC of Frederick County, may not have enough rain barrels in stock, so the Team has found a back-up supplier in New Mexico.
5. Bike Trails – The Team received notification from Town resident, Rich Carlisle, that the Audubon Society of Central Maryland would not allow bike trails on its property, which abuts the Town's 100 Acre Woods. Because of the Audubon Society's denial, the length of trails in the Town's 100 Acre Woods was determined to be too short by the Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) Association for inclusion in their program to build and maintain off-road bicycle trails.

The Team will reach out to Mr. Carlisle and ask for his assistance in developing walking and biking trails within the Town.

6. Dog Waste Bag Station Poles – The poles will be installed in the near future. Disposable waste bags will be tested for integrity before being placed in the waste bag stations. Once the poles are put in place, Team members will advertise their presence via social media accounts.
7. Sustainable Maryland Documentation – The Team will review Mike Hunninghake's comments and suggested edits to the Team's depictions of team's activities and begin to address his comments at our next meeting.

Congratulations were given to Team Chair, Jen Runkles, for her leadership and organizational skills in developing the Town's Farmers Market.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.