

New Market Green Team

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

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

Topics Discussed:

New Market Farmers Market – Chair Runkles noted a need to increase announcements of the days and times of the remaining Farmers Markets in order to increase foot traffic. The Team will get a clarification from Town staff regarding the Town’s email blasts. If the blasts do not include the addresses of the Town’s and neighboring Home Owner Associations (HOAs), the Green Team will send out announcements to the HOA email addresses.

The Team discussed the availability of food trucks and wineries for the Market. The Team decided that one food truck and one winery per market day would be beneficial to these vendors based on the amount of foot traffic per event.

Residential Composting Bins –Buyers of these bins will be instructed to pick up their bins at the next Farmers Market, which will be held on July 13, 2019. The sale of these bins exhausts the Team’s bin inventory. The Team will approach the City of Frederick, who is placing a large order for bins for itself and other Frederick County municipalities, and ask the city to include 20 bins for the New Market Green Team.

Rain Barrels – The Team was updated on the status of their purchase of rain barrels. The update included the near-future filing of a grant with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The grant will provide \$60.00 towards the \$80.00 unit purchase price. The Green Team is purchasing 40 barrels from the ARC of Frederick.

Eighth Alley Town Sign – Vice Chair Mott provided the costs for materials for a solar-powered LES lighting for this sign. The cost for materials is \$1,988.66. The labor costs will be determined in the near future. Chair Runkles will approach Town staff to determine if the remaining grant money for this sign project will cover the costs for installing the solar powered lighting array.

Town Council Liaison Romanell advised the group that he has been approached by SHA officials regarding the permitting process to remove and trim trees that are obstructing the view of the sign. He will meet with these officials in the near future.

Electronic Vehicle Charging Station – Team member Baughman and Town Council Liaison Romanell will look into grant opportunities for installing an Electronic Vehicle Charging Station within the Town’s corporate limits.

Sustainable Maryland Accreditation – The Team members resolved to review the descriptions of their sustainable projects, which they have posted in their Sustainable Maryland account, to ensure the descriptions contain sufficient information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.