

Sustainable Andover meeting notes
Hillside House
May 26, 2016
7:00-8:30pm

"Bringing people, businesses and the community together to develop policies and practices to create a sustainable Andover Township for all to enjoy"

In attendance: Eric Olsen, Al Bills, Janis McGovern, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik
Guest: Diane Gillespie, Dolores Blackburn

Butterfly garden—Connor received approval for the project from FMB principal and Board of Ed. Will present plans at next Sustainable Andover meeting.

ACTION: Carla will provide Connor some milk weed plants for the butterfly garden. Has 500 plants seeded.

Food pantry garden

Garden is planted--about 1 acre of planted space

ACTION:

- **Anyone interested in helping out with garden chores should call Carla**
- **Carla will talk with town hall about having a food drop-off for Thursday nights**

Composting project

Get pictures posted on website and step by step instructions

ACTIONS:

- **Janis to take photos of final product of composting pile at Diane's house**
- **Carla to reach out to Steve Komar in the Fall to pin down a date on a Thursday in September/October for a composting workshop/seminar**

Meadowscaping project

Need to find a new location—group decided to do it at town hall above the retention wall by the fence.

ACTIONS:

- **Eric to measure and scope the new location**
- **Eric to talk with Darin--confirm it is OK to do this there. Need some assurances that the project will remain in place after planting.**
- **Create project scope to present to the township committee**
- **Eric to talk with John Parke about Bodhi Monastery project--see if interested to work on it**

Andover Day activities (2-7pm):

Carla, Eric, Dolores, Janis, Al will all take turns sitting at the table

Our theme is recycling/UpCycling

ACTIONS:

- **Janis will create a bottle recycling craft--planter, stink bug collector, bird feeder**
- **Eric will work with Diane and Robyn at town hall to help produce some recycling educational materials to help us develop a recycling pledge**
- **Diane will make a recycling collage**
- **Eric to order 100 coloring books from treesaregood.com**
- **Carla will call Crayola to donate big box of crayons**
- **Carla to make Sustainable Andover stickers for the coloring books**
- **Eric to create flier with 2016 meeting dates and contact info**
- **Carla will talk with daughter about acquiring a barrel for a rain barrel to be given away**
- **David will look at table top display to see what needs to be refreshed.**
- **All to save plastic water bottles**

Other action--send email to vendors for Winter market

Adjourned 8:30.