

Mountain Lakes Green Team Minutes

November 20, 2013

Present: Marnie Vyff and Mimi Kaplan

Waste Audit of Schools - Mimi will do another audit at the high school in December or January.

DPW has reported that recycling values have gone down. Have reimbursement values gone down Is the hauler working with the new system properly? More needs to be known. The Municipal Solid Waste Committee has not met in a while.

In 4/2013 we had 9.54 tons of paper & cardboard at \$36.88/ton = \$354 for the school year and 2.34 tons of the commingled at \$5.64/ton = \$8. We have a lot of questions. Can we get numbers from earlier? They seem about equal to previous years and the spring audit. Why aren't we making more recycling with the new waste contract?

Schools have ordered new recycling bins. It's about changing habits. The bins with lids that have the shape of the item seem to work better.

Community or School Garden - Principal Bryan Fleming has two gardens at Briarcliff one for native plants and the other for bees. We should coordinate these gardens with the ones at Wildwood.

Community Education & Outreach - Marnie has sent in the summary to Sustainable Jersey for the \$2000 Grant. Green Reels is done save for a couple more screenings in the high school. A few short films will be shown in the winter at Wildwood. The Rockaway Garden Club has asked to show some of the films too. Marnie is contacting the science and food preparation teachers at Briarcliff and the HighSchool to encourage them to show the films.

Marnie would like to have the Green Team members write articles about what they are doing for the local papers to keep the town in the loop and environmental issues up front. Mimi has agreed to write one this winter.