

# Readington Township School District Green Committee

Tuesday April 4, 2017      3:00 p.m.

## Minutes

Present: Eric Zwerling, Chris Allen, Thomas Wallace, Don Race, Jodi Bettermann, Kristen Higgins, Sharon Moffat, Ann DeRosa, Barbara Sargent, Jerry Cook, Julia Allen, Steven Foster, Lauren Theis, Christina Albrecht, Sarah Fauch

1. Printer Cartridge recycling  
*The Home and School Association used to collect these as a fundraising event, but has found that outside organizations are not taking the used cartridges – or are not providing any compensation. The school principals discussed how they gather used cartridges at each site. This discussion will be continued at Leadership Meeting.*
2. Energy Savings Results for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Year 5  
*Jodi Bettermann provided data for district energy savings for this quarter and for the past 6 months.*
3. Solar Project update and Landscape Discussion  
*Eric Zwerling updated the committee on placement of solar arrays and panels. He reviewed landscaping Option #1 and #2 with committee members. There was discussion about the variety of the plantings offered, opportunities for community donations and involvement, and interest in having the HBS site be used for outdoor education. The committee will review the revised planting plan and submit comments/suggestions if appropriate, especially in the area of integration with supplemental plantings.*

*Specific comments included:*

- ✓ *Seedling trees should comprise no more than 5% of the overall project.*
- ✓ *Raritan Headwaters has 50 Buttonbush plants to donate next spring.*
- ✓ *Can the plantings in Option #1 be arranged in such a way as to allow for subsequent plantings to be interspersed in a natural manner?*
- ✓ *Can more variety of plants be part of Option #1 (different varieties of vibernum and some pine swapped in for some Red Cedar, for example).*
- ✓ *Desire for native wildflowers like Black-Eyed Susans at the HBS site.*
- ✓ *Does the fence need to be 8 feet, or will 6 ½ feet suffice? Cost difference?*
- ✓ *Can the HBS site offer more open space with plants widely clustered?*

*General consensus was for Option #1. Discussion will continue on the use of the HBS landscaped area.*

Meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.