

RESOLUTION #2017-7-42

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, the Township Committee wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown wants to begin the process of focusing on “Green” issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations first; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown has appropriated “seed money” in their 2017 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the Township’s facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Township moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee which membership shall consist of residents or employees of the Township of Bordentown, appointed annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through December 31, 2017, are established as follows:

MISSION

The Bordentown Township Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Township Committee on ways to improve municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

GOALS

Submit a report and recommendations to the Township Committee by October 1, 2017, to include:

1. An audit of municipal facilities
2. An evaluation of municipal fleet vehicles
3. A report of suggested best practices for “greener” municipal operations

OBJECTIVES

1. Collaborate with Township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA.
2. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be formulated through a sub-committee of the Environmental Commission with the supervision of either the Environmental Commission Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Team Advisory Committee shall further consist of a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board, the Economic Development Advisory Committee and other community-based organizations to include but not be limited to the Boy and Girl Scouts, Garden Club and Senior Citizens Organization.