



# MINUTES

## Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 4:00 PM  
Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room - 37 Broadway

The Green Team Meeting of the City of Frostburg was called to order on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 4:00 PM, at the Frostburg Municipal Center, 37 Broadway, with the following members present:

### PRESENT:

### EXCUSED:

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM.

#### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1. Kenny's Farm Site Visit Overview & Follow-Up

Members who attended the field trip to Kenny Braitman's farm gave an overview of their key takeaways, most notably the importance of signage. Mr. Braitman expressed an interest in future partnerships with the Edible Arboretum Steering Committee, and the steering committee will discuss separately at a future meeting.

- 2.2. Update from Edible Arboretum Committee

Members of the Edible Arboretum Steering Committee gave an overview of their workday held on Tuesday, November 14. At this work day, mulch was spread around the base of all existing plants.

- 2.3. Solar Saturday Update

Nina Forsythe gave an overview of the Solar Saturday event held on November 18. The event featured solar installation companies and homeowners who have already added solar panels to their homes/properties.

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Outreach Opportunities

The Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board has requested that a group Green Team members attend the Board's February 2024 meeting to present an overview of the Buy Nothing, Give Freely event that was held in May 2023. The Board hopes to gather insight that will allow the event to be expanded to other areas of the county.

Green Team member, Kirsten Getz, was approached by members of the Frostburg Home and Garden Club, who asked if the Green Team would be willing to prepare a presentation for the Club's March meeting.

3.2. AmeriCorps Service Member

Bethany Fife and Nina Forsythe had a meeting with Lisa Clark, who is responsible for managing the local AmeriCorps program, to gather information about the possibility of adding an AmeriCorps service member to support the Green Team's mission. The City of Frostburg is definitely eligible as a host site, and many potential projects have already been identified for the service member to complete during their term. The Green Team could potentially "hire" a sustainability intern for the Spring 2024 semester and add an official AmeriCorps service member for the next term, which runs from August 2024 until July 2025.

4. Discussion Items

From Green Team members and/or members of the public

- 4.1. Sarah Llewellyn discussed the possibility of adding a Pumpkin Festival to the Green Team's event calendar. The Festival would include a pumpkin growing contest, educational classes, a cooking demonstration, 4-H demos, pumpkin-themed games, and pumpkin "recycling". The group expressed great interest in this possibility, and conversations about the topic will continue at future meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM.
- 5.2. **\*\*The Edible Arboretum Steering Committee will meet immediately after the regular Green Team meeting!\*\***

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