

**Town of Shelter Island Green Options Advisory  
Committee  
Minutes of the September 24, 2015 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Chair Tim Purtell, Don D'Amato, Dan Fokine, Quinn Karpeh, Herb Stelljes, Angela Van Rynbach

**2015 Green Expo Recap**

—Herb suggests more PR earlier. Also, we should run two ads in the Reporter instead of one (which we did this year). And we need better signage at the event to attract people and distinguish us from the Craft Fair.

—Remind everyone to bring tents for protection but also visibility.

—We should try to attract more groups, new groups, and increase diversity to avoid being the same each year.

—Dan suggests having a keynote speaker. We could advertise the Expo for a specific time period and promote the speaker in a specific time slot. Don suggests more than one speaker and workshops.

**Perfect Earth Workshop (Toxin Free Lawns)**

—Tim suggests inviting them to speak at one of the Tuesday meetings. Herb thinks it would be better for them to give a Library talk in the spring that would attract more people. Angela suggests reaching out to the WAC, Garden Club, and the Shelter Island Association. Tim will contact them.

**Peconic Estuary Program event on 9/22**

—Tim reported on a PEP-sponsored event that focused on nitrates in our bays. (John Cronin was one of the speakers.) In

the afternoon, there was a tour of the Riverhead Water Treatment Plant that's being upgraded to reduce nitrates and supply water to the adjacent golf course.

### **Shelter Island Town Committees Symposium**

—Dan suggests it might be helpful if all the committees met to discuss goals and figure out how we're duplicating goals and projects and how we can collaborate. Herb suggests handing out a questionnaire to see what is most important for the committee members. The goal would be to create a unified concept among the committees and the Town so we can all be more efficient and not be at cross purposes. One member expressed concern that we might encourage more regulations. Another remarked that we need to enforce existing regulations.

### **Climate Smart Communities**

—Quinn reached out to John Cronin to see how we could implement some of the suggestions in the Climate Smart site. John has specific ideas for the Green Committee. We discussed meeting with John.

### **Reusable Bag Campaign**

—Editorial in the Reporter provoked a conversation about education versus bag ban.

### **Questionnaire for Islanders**

—There was a discussion about handing out a questionnaire to various group meetings on the Island (Lions Club, Shelter Island Association etc.) to assess what matters most to people (Ticks? Water quality? Pesticide use? Etc.) Dan suggests using Survey Monkey in addition to paper.