

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Green Team Minutes April 17, 2025

Approved

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:08 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Mayor Ken Lord (@7:10), Team Members, Sandy Lord (@ 7:17), Evan Wiegand, Jason Krebill, Skadie Cooke, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from March 27, 2025 were approved.

Old Business

Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update – Ms. Pangle spoke with Mr. Hulse today. He said the DNR has things going on with the rail trail, which is unrelated to Keedysville, and he doesn't know when the lease will be completed. In the meantime, we continue under the holdover letter, which is indefinite.

Railbed Cleanup Update – Ms. Pangle reported Mr. Hulse recommends putting this on hold until the lease is finalized.

Springfest 2025 Review – Due to the weather, this year's SpringFest was not as well attended. Two vendors didn't show, and a few broke down early. Mr. Krebill suggested encouraging vendors not to break down before the end of the event. Mr. Wiegand suggested adjusting the time from a 5-hour event to a 4-hour event (11 am – 3 pm) with the option to go until 4 pm if it's a good day. There was discussion about moving next year's SpringFest to May. We will pick next year's date at the next GT meeting. SpringFest 2026 will focus on the 250th anniversary of the United States and Washington County. There was discussion about various contests (writing/art/stem) in 2026, for the kids. Mayor Lord said we need to advertise better next year. Ms. Lord suggested we advertise in the schools (Sharpsburg, Pleasant Valley & Boonsboro), which are roughly 1000 students. She said bookmarks would be an easy way to advertise. Ms. Cooke suggested putting the contest entries on display. There was much discussion about the contests and potential prizes. It was suggested to see if the Historical Society and Ruritans want to be involved, maybe with contest prizes. Ms. Lord suggested having Pedal and Paddle from Shepherdstown come as a mobile bike check/tune-up. The GT decided to change our next meeting from Thursday, May 15th, to Wednesday, May 21st.

Little Free Pantry – Ms. Cooke provided 3 options with estimated costs and a care/maintenance schedule, and went over the differences. There was discussion about the options, and everyone agreed that option 2 was preferred. Mayor Lord and Mr. Wiegand offered to help build the pantry if needed. Mayor Lord mentioned it would be an awesome Eagle Scout project. Ms. Lord said she has a scout she can reach out to. This will be presented at the next Mayor and Council's meeting, per their request.

Library Window Bird Strikes – Ms. Pangle reported that the window strike material was received. The Green Team will decide on a date at the May meeting to complete the project.

Winchester Field Trip – We are waiting to hear from Barb Wetzel (Boonsboro) for a date.

New Business

Digital Newsletter – Ms. Cooke proposed doing a digital, regularly produced newsletter for Keedysville to further the goals of the Green Team and to build community in the immediate area. Suggested content would be town news, Green Team events, local businesses, contents of the little free library, and the food pantry. Being a small town, it could also include kids' birthdays, awards/accomplishments, and wedding/birth announcements. Ms. Cooke also mentioned the idea of a time bank, which is neighbors helping neighbors. Ms. Cooke mentioned Substack, which is free, as a way to distribute the newsletter (weekly or bi-weekly), but other options can be considered. There was much conversation about the logistics, content, and where it should be hosted.

Tool Library – Ms. Cooke proposed the idea of having a space for hand tools and small motor tools to be available to residents for short-term usage. She reached out to the Community Center to see if they have an interest, but has not heard back yet. There was much discussion about the logistics. Ms. Cooke suggested starting with one weeknight and a few hours on a weekend. Volunteers would be needed to staff it. Ms. Lord suggested having this start as part of the digital newsletter and build from there based on interest. Mayor Lord agreed that instead of having a physical location, use the newsletter for people to connect and advertise their resources or their need for resources. The downside to the Community Center is that there most likely will be a rental fee, and it will have to be staffed. The newsletter is a good central point to get the information out and build interest.

Veggie Swap – Ms. Cooke had a signup sheet at SpringFest and received a handful of emails, with others on the way. She will be sending out a survey to see what works best for people, but is figuring once a week in Taylor Park.

Comments by Team

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Green Team Agenda April 17, 2025

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2025 minutes.

Old Business: Railbed lease & clean-up; Springfest 2025 Review; Little Free Pantry; Library Window Bird Strikes; Winchester Field Trip

New Business: Digital Newsletter; Tool Library; Veggie Swap

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment