**SCRIPT FOR 9/28/2021 MONMOUTH HUB MEETING**

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1. Years ago, we created Middletown for Clean Energy (the vehicle for the Climate Reality 100% clean energy campaign). We staffed a booth at Middletown Day, Sept 18, 2021. We featured Sustainable Jersey actions, and particularly “Gold Star in Energy” which reduces GHG, and saves the world for our children and grandchildren.
2. The Mayor stopped by our table, and told us he is exploring R-GEA (Renewable Government Energy Aggregation – or “Community Solar”) to be bid and provided to all 23,000 Middletown households at lower price than charged by JCP&L. We were pleased because we have been lobbying Middletown for 4 years. We will patiently wait for this to come to fruition. (The Mayor is running for re-election this fall as a member of the Middletown Committee) – we expect him to win another 3 year term, because he is popular.

A few months ago, we helped the “Climate Reality Project- NJ Gateway Chapter” create a “50 x 30 Team” (50% GHG reduction by 2030). Since then, support and members have come from a number of NJ-wide environmental organizations.

1. On Sept 3, the “50 x 30 Team” met with Rep. Frank Pallone’s office to provide input on the “Build Back Better Bill” ($3.5 Trillion budget reconciliation package)- which is nearing a vote in the House.
2. We just finalized a letter asking Gov Murphy to include Municipal GHG reduction goals (50% by 2030, and near netzero by 2050). Earlier, we met on these issues with the Energy and Environment Policy Advisor for Gov. Murphy. Our letter should be in email in next day or so to Gov Murphy.
* We asked for commitment of each NJ Municipality to a 10 year Energy and emissions reduction goal (Climate Action Plan)
* We proposed using a Sustainable Jersey Framework and a state-wide “Climate Advisory Board” of climate experts and municipal stakeholders.
* We copied Randy Solomon- and just gave him a heads-up to expect the letter. The “50 x 30 Team” asked Randy for a meeting to discuss how Sustainable Jersey may choose to be involved, and prepare for what possible Governor responses.
* ASIDE: Murphy’s policy advisor wants to identify and rectify communication barriers between state and cities – so we expect to discuss governance issues between NJ State and the municipalities.