GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:  
“GOAT NOAT” FOR JUNE 2020

Maryland Legislature: Governor Hogan vetoed the chlorpyrifos ban. He cited a regulatory ban that will be implemented in 2021 and that he says makes the legislation redundant and unnecessary. However, environmental advocates and many legislators are criticizing this approach since regulations can be changed much more easily than legislation. Given the strong support for the ban, the votes are there to override the Governor’s veto. However, there is no longer a plan to have a special session of the Assembly, so a veto override would have to wait until January 2021. The Meeting supports the chlorpyrifos ban and GOAT will ask the Meeting to send a letter to Governor Hogan expressing disapproval of the veto.

The Garden Club: has held two spring work sessions. Participants had a very good time and got a lot done. It is wonderful to see how much the garden, now in its second year, has changed.

Solar Panels: The contract with Lumina has been executed. Lumina is in the process of working through the permitting process which has gone more slowly than usual due to the impact of the pandemic. GOAT is still aiming to have the new solar panels in place this summer.

Current GOAT members are Carol Beck, Stan Becker, Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Polly Heninger, Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Rachael Neill. We are an open committee that meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Library (presently on Zoom). We would love to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas.