

Hawthorne Green Idea Committee Minutes: Nov. 16, 2009

Attendees: Rayna Laoisa, John Dorval, Olivia Gagliardi, Sarah Keifer, Brian Lubbert

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification

Topics Discussed on 11/16/09:

- Set up Action Plans for the upcoming months and discussed what could be done to accomplish these goals
 - Olivia- Contact with Scott Crimmel regarding Environmental Science School Programs that could be used for Action Points
 - Sarah- Anti-Idling Program, discussed potentially buying Idling Infraction Tickets and Anti-Idling Signs for the Town
 - Possible spots for signs were discussed: Train Station, Schools, etc.
 - Next Step: Send (electronically) action plan template and sustainable jersey requirements – Completed 11-20-2009
 - John- Getting Started with the Recycling portion of Action Steps, also discussed a possible Rain Garden project for the upcoming year in the spring
 - Brian- Discussed revisiting the Natural Resource Inventory and how it needs to be evaluated for updates: last updated around 2001? Next Step: Send (electronically) Natural Resource Inventory to Brian for review and comments and sustainable jersey requirements - Completed 11-20-2009

VISION STATEMENT

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

Next Meeting: December 21, 2009 at 7:30 at Hawthorne Library