



**Virtual Meeting  
Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Minutes  
July 25 2022**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Pat MacDonnell, Dawn Zagatta, Holly Cowen, Lisa Devos, and Mike Mariani (arrived at 7:42 pm)  
Guests: Maureen Cook, Alexander Soteriou, and Craig Cayetano (arrived at 7:37 pm)

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – June 9, 2022  
Motion by: Robert Meier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Lisa DeVos
  - b. Hawthorne Green Team Minutes – June 27 2022 – Approved
  
- II. Planning Board Report – Report by Robert Meier Updated 10 year Master Plan was approved by the Board; Commission provided two (2) comments to Robert Meier to discuss at Planning Board Meeting –1) Section 3.6 Legalization of Marijuana in New Jersey - page 30 - 1st paragraph is outdated information. Ballot was passed in 2020; and legislation passed into law 2021; please update; and 2) add a statement regarding municipal facilities siting in Section 4.1; Both were accepted by the Board
  
- III. Kids Corner Newsletter - Dawn Zagatta presented the Summer Program Newsletter; discussion on the potential of attaching New Jersey seasonal chart;

agreed – No; Rayna will send the newsletter to tap into Hawthorne, Gazette, and Boro’s website to be posted, and the Library

IV. Green Team Meeting

- a. Community Garden – Communication request - Weeding along garden beds and pathways Pat will send a gentle reminder to gardeners.
- b. Buy Local Campaign – Find the Hawthorne BEE! Month of July 2022 – Hawthorne Businesses Partnership with Chamber of Commerce and Hawthorne Green Team – 30 Chamber businesses; All are welcome to Attend the Grand Celebration Sunday July 31, 2022 at 12:00 pm Hawthorne Farmers’ Market
- c. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday August 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm

V. 11<sup>th</sup> Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market Sunday September 11, 2022 (rain date September 18, 2022) Time of Event 10:00 am to 1:30 pm; set-up 9:00 am

- a. Music – Hawthorne local musician – Matty Z - Confirmed
- b. Potential Vendors – Contact Them & Request Participation – Open to New Vendors/Organizations – ***Deadline for Commitment – Monday July 25, 2022*** – Reviewed the below list of with Green Team members; Rayna & Lisa cross referenced with 2021 Green Fair’s list of participants; Lisa sent email invitation to potential participants
  - 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth – waiting for response
  - 2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook confirmed
  - 3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization - Tom confirmed
  - 4. PCSPCA – Stephanie confirmed
  - 5. BEAR Management – Doreen confirmed
  - 6. City Green – Pat to contact
  - 7. Plant Swap Leah Steenstra Genvario Rayna to contact
  - 8. Hawthorne Gardening Neighborhood Club -Rayna to contact Peggy Weber
  - 9. Lyme and Tick Disease Alexandra - confirmed
  - 10. Goffle Brook Farm – donate vegetable seeds – Maureen will contact Donna, Owner
  - 11. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) — waiting for response from Amy Rowe
  - 12. Knead-U-Need – NO
  - 13. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Container Gardening, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Gateway to the Passaic River - confirmed
  - 14. Composting Demonstration – Mary confirmed
  - 15. Hawthorne Birds – Holly & Lisa confirmed
  - 16. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook confirmed
  - 17. Hawthorne School of Dance –Erin – Rayna will follow up – Confirmed for 12:15 pm
  - 18. The Learning Tree - Lisa will contact
  - 19. Pilates Fusion Changed to Beyond the Fitness Studio - 973-310-3919– Holly will contact new owner
  - 20. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Nutrition - Robin – Mary will contact NO
  - 21. Electric Car - Park Ave BMW- confirmed
  - 22. Hawthorne Railroad Association – Lisa will follow up
  - 23. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Maureen to follow up

24. Cub Scouts – Kim – Rayna to follow up
  25. Girl Scouts – Lauren - Rayna to follow up
  26. Lincoln Landscaping “Native Plants” – Maureen will contact Mike
  27. Reimagined Design - Stephanie confirmed
  28. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ –Veronica confirmed
  29. Hawthorne Historical Society –Veronica confirmed
  30. Yoga with Gianna – Holly will contact Gianna - NO
  31. Hawthorne Fire Department – Rayna will contact Chief
  32. Wildbird Unlimited – Lisa will contact Owner
  33. Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier confirmed
  34. North East Jersey Beekeeper Association – Richard Stellingwerf at 201-693-2571 – Holly will contact
  35. Vegan Lifestyle – No farm animals; educate to promote plant based choices– Elisabeth Barker
  36. Plug In EV Charger – Nick is no longer works here – Lisa will follow up with new contact, Jessica
  37. Passaic River Coalition –Laurie Howard
  38. Trinity Solar. Julie Saporito-Acuna [julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com](mailto:julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com); 732-685-1744 George to be contacted Tuesday – Confirmed
  39. Prestige Pest Services – Favio Ulloa
  40. Cross Fit – Wagaraw Road – Dave Whitson – demonstration – Holly will contact owner
  41. Fairlawn Amateur Radio Club Ed Efcak confirmed
  42. Mary to contact Hands to Paws organization
  43. Lokai Rose Animal Environment Education- Craig will contact
- c. Tables and Chairs for event – All vendors will provide their own tables and chairs
- d. Publicity
1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Electronic Boards at Boro Hall and throughout town Maureen and Rayna to discuss and chairs and tables
  2. Green Fair Signs – Mike Mariani has the signs - Cconfirmed to put up
  3. Green Fair Flyers Mike to update flyer - date 9/11 rain date 9/18/2022 and send to Commission
  4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
- e. Giveaways – Dog Tags and Can Opener out of recycled rubber bags. Glow sticks for Hawthorne Day Give more reuseable bags out at Green Fair.
- f. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control

VI. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – SJ provided comments July 8, 2022 to Borough of Hawthorne; **Deadline to address 2<sup>nd</sup> round comments due August 28, 2022**

- a. Initial submittal exceeded the Silver Certification action plan points in May 2022
- b. SJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Comments July 2022 – slightly below the Silver Certification action plan points; Hawthorne will address all of the comments and will maintain our Silver Certification. Pleased so far on progress
- c. Rayna and Mayor Lane will attend SJ Award Luncheon Ceremony in November. A Huge Thank You to everyone!

- d. **SJ Action Plans – 23 Comments Received – In Complete**
1. Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan - Need to additional activity; sent email to SJ to confirm that updating the Environmental Resource Inventory - Wildlife chapter updated would count
  2. Community Education & Outreach - Need additional information regarding the Kids Newsletter from Dawn Zagatta
  3. Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies - Rayna will follow up with the Police Chief on additional information requested
  4. Community Garden – Remove all sensitive information – phone numbers, emails, etc..
  5. Anti Idling – Question the date on the Enforcement Plan figure; Anti Idling resolution (2013) memo must be re-districted appropriate departments to ensure that the program is still be in effect and beyond.
  6. Innovative Project #1 – Daffodil Project - Need to provide additional years – 2019, 2020 to document program is not one (1) year program
  7. Innovative Project #2 – Find the Hawthorne BEE Litter Program – Need to provide additional information
  8. Support Local Businesses - Remove all references to Hawthorne’s Buy Local program; already received action plan points for Buy Local Campaign
  9. Digitizing Public Information Update and add links for boards and commissions to the Checklist
  10. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling - Maureen to provide additional information – textiles and polystyrene. Disagreement on the number of action plan points eligible for this program with Sustainable Jersey.
- e. **SJ Action Plans – Approved**
1. Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)
  2. Community Forestry Plan
  3. Tree Maintenance
  4. Tree Planting
  5. Tree Protection
  6. Mayor’s Wellness Program
  7. Community Food Pantry Bank & Soup Kitchen
  8. Community Asset
  9. Emergency Communications Planning –
  10. Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal -
  11. Sustainable Land Use Pledge
  12. Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy
  13. Green Team
  14. Paper Shredding
  15. Municipal Communication Strategy
  16. Household Hazardous Waste
  17. Brownfield Investigation/Assessment
  18. Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization
  19. Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities
  20. Recycling Depot
  21. Hawthorne Environmental Commission
  22. Recycling Education and Enforcement
  23. Green Fair
  24. “Green” Your Green Fair
  25. Buy Local Campaign

**g. In-Process Action Plans May be submitted in August 2022**

1. Efficient Landscape & Design
2. Recycled Materials and Recycling not written up touch base in July
3. Innovation Project – “Gateway to the Passaic River” ??; Rain Garden Action Plan expired; no longer eligible for SJ points; need to review; Postponed until August 2022
4. **Not Submitting** - Reusable Bags – Draft FAQs Flyer – Rita selected consumer Q/A from the New Jersey Business Action Center Plastics Ban website; Brenda/Mike will create a flyer; Review and Discussion – Completed; Social Media campaign started in February 2022; Rayna is working with John Tap Into Net on a series of articles on the plastic bag ban; Suggestion - April – Kids to Kids Program topic – Hawthorne High School no longer has a teacher for this program Postponed until August 2022; All agreed to donate 100 bags to Hawthorne’s Food pantry – Board of Health
5. Farmer’s Market and Making Farmers’ Market Accessible –SJ is in the process of Updating Action Plan; hold off initial submittal of information to SJ Postponed until August, Flyer is made 9-1:30. Rob is talking Friday, June 10, 2022, to vendors.
6. **Not Submitting** - Tree Hazard and Tree Inventory Information – waiting for Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission

**VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns**

- a. Polystyrene is Confirmed for Saturday Oct 1, 2022, rain date Oct 15, 2022 at the pool. Mike Mariani will update the flyers;
- b. 8 Acre Woods map - - on hold

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