



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes  
January 13, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, Dawn Zagatta, and Mike Mariani  
Guests: Charles Stebbins

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – December 9, 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Mary Mahon 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Pat MacDonald
- II. Hawthorne Environmental Commissioners 2022 Appointments – Rayna Laiosa, Mike Mariani, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Dawn Zagatta
- III. Nominate Vice Chair Hawthorne Environmental Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Motion for Nomination: Mary Mahon nominated from Mike Mariani, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Robert Meier; All Commissioners agreed; Congratulations, Mary Mahon as the new Vice Chair of the Hawthorne Environmental Commission
- IV. Hawthorne Water Reports – Discussed and reviewed the latest PFOA and PFOS water notification to all residents; Please see Hawthorne’s PFAS FAQs. [Hawthorne Water System Update- PFAS | Hawthorne, NJ \(hawthornenj.org\)](http://Hawthorne Water System Update- PFAS | Hawthorne, NJ (hawthornenj.org)); Discussed

the new lead law requiring the replacement of galvanizing piping in Hawthorne

- V. Planning Board Report – Report by Robert Meier
  - a. Dunkin Donuts traffic report – Passaic County Planning Board has raised issues/concerns
  - b. 542 Goffle Road – 3 Ronson Project – February 15, 2022 public hearing; residents are asked to review the planning documents at Boro Hall
  - c. Laundromet at The Rag Shop – NJDEP permits are being held up – sanitary sewer permit
  - d. Former Bait & Tackle store at 47-51 closed; empty lot
  
- VI. Kids Corner Newsletter
  - a. Moving Newsletter to Quarterly instead of Monthly – 1) February 2) April/May, 3) June/July/August, and 4) Sept/Oct/Nov – Bring ideas/thoughts to next meeting in January 2022; Dawn discussed Winter Topics – Owling, animals habitats; Dawn will send newsletter to Mary & Rayna for review/approval; Once finalized, Dawn will distribute in Hawthorne School System and Mary will distribute to local newspapers and Boro.
  
- VII. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Community Garden – Growing Season 2022 – there will be two (2) 4 x 8 garden beds available in January 2022; Rayna will Make A Public Announcement – Press Release, Website, and Facebook,; Deadline for Applications February 11, 2022
  - b. Buy Local Campaign for the Upcoming Holiday Season Discussion – Hawthorne Green Team and Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce working together; All posters are distributed; 165 Hawthorne businesses participation. Thank you - Rayna, Pat, Carol, Holly, Craig, Rita, and Mary for distributing the Posters; Mike for picking up the Posters! Lisa issued the 8 Days of Hawthorne First Flyers – Day 1 – Restaurants, Day 2 – Gifts, Day -3 Food (2 parts), Day -4 Beauty/Fitness (2 parts), Day 5 – Sweets/Liquor, Day 6 – Pets/Entertainment, Day 7 – Auto (2 parts), and Day 8 Home ; Pat will follow up with Hair Hub; expressed interest in becoming a Chamber member
  
- VIII. Polystyrene Collection Date –Official Date Confirmed: Saturday January 8, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain/Snow Date Saturday January 15, 2022;
  - a. Haskell facility will acceptable polystyrene material;
  - b. Volunteers Requested Rayna reached out to Boy Scout Troop 30 leader to request additional volunteers to assist the Green Team; Confirmed three (3) boy scouts will participate
  - c. Rita Pinelli – Contact HHS SHARE and National Honor Society for volunteers – volunteer hours
    - 1. 8:45 am to 10:00 am, -
    - 2. 10:00 am to 11:00 am, -
    - 3. 11:00 am to container full -
  - d. Pool Complex – Used by PSE&G storage of equipment and vehicles; Rayna will contact the Police and Maureen Cook to ensure we have clear access to the pool complex;
  - e. Need to Bring the Following: clicker (2 – # of vehicles and # of plastic bags) – designate people; fiber cloth/brush, garbage bags, recycling bags; plastic bags for the polystyrene, table (Maureen)

- IX. Neighborhood Preservation Program – Pat MacDonald is the representative on the NPPP stakeholder committee; Kick off meeting January 12, 2022; Survey completed; waiting for NJDCA for compilation; artist community – 8 Acre Woods - sculpture/painting garden area; Discussed the 8 Acre Woods, Library complex, and Pool Complex is part of the NPPP – Hawthorne’s Gateway District
- X. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step - None

**Virtual Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission  
ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday February 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm**