



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
January 24, 2022**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Mary Mahon, Mike Mariani, Maureen Cook, Rita Pinelli at 8:00 pm, Alexandra Soteriou, and Craig Cayetano

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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 January 24, 2022

- a. Review December 9, 2021 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2022 Growing Season!
 1. Two (2) Garden Beds Available – 4 x 8 size; 2022 Garden Bed Applications, Rules, and Disclaimer will be posted on Green Team’s Website; Deadline for submittal of All Paperwork is Friday February 4, 2022 – Attention Ellen Brogno
 2. March 28, 2022 Virtual Green Team – Invitation to All Gardeners to Participate

- c. Polystyrene – Confirmed - Saturday January 8, 2022 9:00 am to 12:00pm; Snow/Rain Date Saturday January 15,, 2022; Thank You for Another Great Styrofoam Collection Day! – Rayna Laiosa, Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Chair, Mary Mahon, Hawthorne Environmental Commission Vice-Chair, Maureen Cook, Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator, Paul Rainey, DPW, Linda Boonstra, DPW, Dawn Zagatta, Carol Robertson, and Mike Mariani, Hawthorne Environmental Commissioners, and Craig Cayetano, Rita Pinelli and Charles Stebbins, Hawthorne Green Team Members. An especially thank you for the Boy Scouts Troop 30 members – Daniel Sokolski, and Brandon Ramos and his father Jorge Ramos and Mr. DiLonardo from the Hawthorne High School - Steven Sweetman, Natalie Poma, Danny Finch, and Colby Mullanaphy for helping at our polystyrene collection drive!
- d. Bird Walks 2022 Discussion – Virtual Bird Walk – Potential Dates Discussed - Tuesday March 8, 2022 and Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday March 29, 2022
- e. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – Deadline May 22, 2022
 - 1.Environmental Resource Inventory – Update sections – Contacted Shade Tree Commission (update tree section in Vegetation chapter) and Hawthorne Historical Society (update historical section in chapter) for assistance; Alexandra will prepare a document with plants identified in the Goffle Brook Park; Lisa will update bird section in Wildlife; update native plants in the vegetation section; incorporate Alexandra’s information into the vegetation section; Rayna is updating historical references, transportation, land use and open space, air quality, climate, and water resources; Hawthorne Historical Society will create New Chapter on the history of Hawthorne streets and street dedications honoring our veterans.
 - 2.Community Forestry Plan, Tree Maintenance, Tree Hazard, and Tree Planting – Sent to Shade Tree Commission for information – Deadline February 19, 2022
 - 3.Mayor’s Wellness Program – Mary – Hawthorne Library Programs – gather materials
 - 4.Reusable Plastic 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; April – Kids to Kids Program
 - 5.Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – NJDEP Deadline April 30, 2022
 - 6.Community Garden – Rayna needs to send information to Pat
- f. Open Discussion – None

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting
Monday February 28, 2022**

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