



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: January 29, 2018

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Liana Romano, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Maureen Cook, and Karen Young

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 01-29-2018:

- a. Review December 14, 2017 Joint Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Community Garden – 2018 Growing Season – No garden beds are available
 - ii. Need to update the 2018 Community Garden Application form and Rules & Regulations documents – Rayna will complete and submit to Borough for upload on website
- c. Green Lectures 2018 - Request Library Dates Advertise flyer via the Hawthorne School System – students/parents
 - i. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants
 - ii. Nutrition – Robin – Confirmed/Booked Tuesday February 20, 2018 – 7:30 to 9:00 pm; set-up at 7:00 pm; There will be a raffle.
 - iii. BEAR Program – Hawthorne wildlife – coyotes, deer, & bear – Booked to March 6, 2018; instead of March 20, 2018 – focus on Coyotes and Deer; Mary is working with them on the Press Release
- d. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program for Municipalities - \$200,000 funding available – deadline February 28, 2018 at 11:59 pm
 - i. Four (4) \$20,000 awards – Competitive grant; 18 months to complete the project; Eight (8) \$10,000 awards; and/or Twenty (20) \$2,000 capacity building awards to support local green teams
 - ii. Discussed Hawthorne’s green potential projects for the grant; we decided a Green Infrastructure project – 3 houses that Hawthorne purchased on Passaic Avenue and Wagaraw Road via Blue Acres Program; Partnership with Charles Stebbins – Dewberry and Hawthorne Resident; Downes Trees; Conduct Site visit Sunday January 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm
 - iii. Conduct Site Visit January 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm - - team (Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Charles Stebbins, and Rayna Laiosa) met; Walked the 3 Blue Acre Properties; Adjacent is the Wagaraw Road parking lot – potential green infrastructure – capture storm water runoff from parking lot – Bioswale proposed; Existing pathway/walkway to the Passaic River

- iv. Second Site Visit Saturday January 27, 2018 – Charles Stebbins and Rayna Laiosa – Measured the proposed Bioswale for the parking lot; Discovered the Beauty of the Passaic River; Access to the Natural shoreline of the River
- v. Environmental Commission Meeting February 8, 2018 – Discussed the scope of the work for the project; added nesting boxes, native plant – willow
- e. Bird Watch – Walking Tour – Saturday May 19, 2018 – Moved to Cel Earth Bration in April 2018 – Re-discussed – Needs to be a Separate Day for the Bird Watch -
- f. Brochure/flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Environmental Commission and Green Team members – Pat and Carol – Work with Rosanne to finalize the brochure/flyer
- g. 26th Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - i. Theme – Initial Discussion – “Silent Voices”, “Seasons of Hope”, focus on Hawthorne’s Environment – Open Space, “Green Space”, Wildlife, Biodiversity, “Make a Better Hawthorne”, “Make Hawthorne Greener”, Hawthorne’s Green Entrepreneur, 120 year Hawthorne Anniversary, - Team agreed **“Discover’s Hawthorne’s Natural Beauty”**
 - ii. Focus on Interactive Educational – Demonstrations “Scavenger Hunt or Treasure Hunt”
 - 1. Garden Tips
 - 2. Bird Watch
 - 3. Green Spaces – 8 Acre Woods – Need to re-print additional maps of the trails; Walking and Bicycle Paths on the Green Map Goffle Brook Park
 - 4. Stormwater Pollution
 - 5. Recycling Program
 - 6. Native Plants
 - 7. Hawthorne Historical Society
 - 8. Green Infrastructure
 - 9. Request Shadetree Commission participation
 - iii. Thank You sign for Tv
 - iv. Earth Matters – Jack – 45 minute lecture; not ideal for Cel Earth Bration; Costs \$795 – Clean Community Funds applicability
- h. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Internship – Rosanne will follow up with the School system
- i. Open Discussions: None

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