



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
February 28, 2022**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonald, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, Mike Mariani, Kevin Foley, Maureen Cook, Rita Pinelli, Craig Cayetano, Dawn Zagatta, and Charles Stebbins

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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 February 28, 2022:

- a. Review January 24, 2022 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- Received a total of 5 Applications; Will select 2 Applicants from a Hat. Pat MacDonald pulled two (2) names out of the hat – Winners Laura Robertson and Jacqui Blauvelt; Rayna will communicate to Ellen Brogno to contact the winners of the garden bed. All gardeners will be notified.

2. March 28, 2022 Virtual Green Team – Invitation to All Gardeners to Participate – Pat will send out email
- c. 30th Cel-Earth-Bratation Event – April 2022 – Saturday April 30, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain Date: Saturday May 7, 2022; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
1. Theme – **Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place**
 2. Purchase Reusable Bags Discussion – Maureen Cook – Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse Logo Borough of Hawthorne Lime color bags with white lettering - Will purchase additional 500 bags (2020 purchased a total of 500 bags)
 3. T-Shirts – 2020 purchased 150 T-shirts – Put Plastic in Its Place
 4. NJ Clean Community – Post Card Bulletin Board for Plastic Bag Ban to display at Event; Maureen will follow up;
 5. Focus - Vendors educational and selling environmental products- Craig will research for environmental product vendors
 6. Vendors/Exhibitors –
 1. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed,
 2. Hawthorne Historical Society - Confirmed
 3. Color & Whims – Mary will reach out
 4. Rayna will review Cel Earth Bratation & Green Fair vendors and identify the vendors to request participation
 7. Bring own tables and chairs
 8. Face painting and tattoos area – Need Volunteers
 9. Entertainment - Rizzo Reptiles – Dawn – no longer in business; Will hire Snakes-N-Scales for two (2) shows on April 30, 2022; Dawn will send information to Maureen and me to Confirm the dates and times. Also to issue the Purchase Order to vendor. Request updated business certificate information; Another Suggestion from Craig – Lokairose.com – Passaic County hired this company; Craig will reach out to them to see if they are interested in attending the event by having a booth.
 10. Music – Matty Z – Rayna will follow up.
 11. Food – Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club – water, soda, & snacks; Pappy’s; previously Flo’s market – Confirmed Pappy’s Participation
 12. HHS Ecology Club – Dirty Dirt and Toxic Punch – Dawn will contact them – No Ecology Club at HHS; Alternatively Dawn will reach out to SHARE
 13. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Dawn will contact them the principal; new staff
 14. Green Project ??? – Dawn will get input from teachers on thoughts/ideas of doing the Green Project contest for the 30th Cel Earth Bratation event Green Project – Discussions with Superintendent of Schools and Roosevelt teachers – Update February 28, 2022 – Discussion was Not to have the Green Project at the 30th Cel Earth Bratation; Will have Green Project in 2023.
 15. Bird Walks to the 8 Acre Woods – Partnering with Hawthorne Historical and Shade Tree Commission – identify historical references and trees
 16. Access to the Restrooms – Pool or Bandshell area -Maureen will follow up
 17. Access to Electric Power – Maureen will follow up
- d. Bird Walks – Spring 2022 - Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday April 19, 2022; Jackie Walsh President of Hawthorne Historical Society interested in working with us – talk about the history of the 8 Acre Woods area/streets, etc. – Confirmed
1. Bird Walk at 9:00 am – Saturday April 23, 2022 Goffle Brook Park; Saturday April 30, 2022 at Cel Earth Bratation at 8 Acre Woods (10:00 am to 2:00 pm); May 1, 2022, Wednesday May 11, 2022, May 22, 2022, May 28,

2022 at Goffle Brook Park, Wednesday June 1, 2022 at Goffle Brook Park, and June 18, 2022 at 8 Acre Woods

- e. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – Deadline May 22, 2022
 1. Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) – 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 – Rec’d Information; – Bird, Native Plant, and Historical Society provided information and all information has been incorporated into ERI; Kevin Foley shared that he purchased the former Charles Fick house located on Lynack Avenue; in the process of restoring the house; former property was dairy farm with cows; under (1) acre of land; This home’s history will be incorporated into the Historical Reference section that is provided by the Hawthorne Historical Society.
 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 – Library sent an Excel spreadsheet with all activities
 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 - 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
 5. Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – NJDEP Deadline April 30, 2022
 6. Community Garden – Rayna needs to send information to Pat
- f. Open Discussion
 1. Carol - Suggest Create a 2022 Calendar of Events

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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