



### **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: May 21, 2018**

Call to Order: Liana Romano, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Ptak, Josh Kobuskie, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Alex Vetlov, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Mike Mariani, Karen Young, Maureen Cook, and Carol Robertson

#### **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 May 21, 2018:**

- a. Review March 26, 2018 Green Team Minutes (Note April 23, 2018 – Cancelled)
  - Approved
  
- b. Community Garden Discussion
  - i. Cub Scout Pack 30 Community Garden Workshop; Green Team members will teach the Cub Scouts on how to grow vegetables and Hawthorne’s Community Garden; Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm; All are welcome to attend; Pat, Carol, Liana, and I presented at the Community Garden workshop. Peggy, Rita, Jack, and Jackie as gardeners participated as well.
  - ii. Community Clean Up Day – Saturday May 19, 2018 at 10:00 am (Rain Date: Sunday May 20, 2018); Mulch delivered by DPW 2.5 cubic yards; Rayna Requested additional mulch (DPW) be delivered for the walk ways and outside the community garden
  - iii. Community Garden/9/11 Memorial Parking Issue – Rayna raised the issue to the Administration (week of May 7, 2018) and at the Council Meeting on May 16, 2018; This is temporary situation due to the DPW construction project. DPW will try to park around the other side of the parking lot.;Update – continue to have trucks parking in the area; Maureen Cook will follow up with DPW.
  - iv. Community Garden Signs – Discussed City Green and Hawthorne’s Community Sign is broken. Pat will contact City Green for a replacement one. Prefer weather resistant quality
  
- c. Green Lectures 2018
  - i. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants – Donna Confirmed Tuesday June 26, 2018 – Need to prepare press release and flyer. – Rayna will handle it.
  
- d. Bird Watch – Walking Tour – Saturday May 12, 2018 at 8:30 am Rae Mansion Goffle Brook Park; Led by Liana, Lisa and Holly; Liana. A total of 10 people participated. Discuss additional dates for Bird Walks in the upcoming months – Optimal time is the first few weeks in May
  
- e. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton – Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

- i. Thank You Notes – Rayna provided 30 Thank You Notes to Carol for distribution on May 12, 2018; Follow-up to ensure that all commissioners/green team members received Thank You notes to be distributed to their respective participants.
- f. “Gateway to the Passaic River” Project - 2018 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant and 2018 Sustainable Jersey Grant for Environmental Commissions
  - i. 2018 ANJEC Sandy Batty Grant Awarded to Hawthorne Environmental Commission on Friday May 11, 2018 for \$1,500 grant.
  - ii. Rayna is working with Rutgers on the Scope of Work/Proposal for the Rain Garden
  - iii. Rayna and Alex are working on alternatives for the removal of the poison ivy in the woody area; - Green Goats and Poison Inv Gone; Approximately ¼ acre of woody area
  - iv. NJDEP Fish & Wildlife contacted the Commission – tentatively scheduled the first week of June – Stock fish in the Passaic River at the Hawthorne launch area – Wagaraw Ballfields – Scheduled Thursday May 24 2018 at 11:00 am -Northern Pike and Brown Headed Catfish
  - v. Field Trip – Site Visit – Saturday May 12, 2018 – Need to determine how many bird nesting boxes are required for area; identified trees are still tagged; lots of poison ivy intertwined in the underbrush of the tree canopy; discussed native plants to be planted in the area; took pictures of the storm water flow from the parking lot into the woody area; Rayna sent pictures (power point presentation) to Rutgers for the design of the rain garden
- g. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School
  - i. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program.
    - a. Alex Vetlov, Donna (Goffle Farms), and Dominic (Rizzo)
    - b. Green Business – B. Witching Bath Co.
  - ii. School Application for Use of the HHS to BOE – Completed by Rosanne
  - iii. Letters to Teachers – Sent out by Kayse Daniels; approved by Superintendent of Schools
  - iv. Special Invitations – Mayor, Council, and BOE
  - v. Press Release – Gazette and Press, Nixtel, and Facebook
  - vi. Cell-Earth-Bration Powerpoint Presentation – Rayna
  - vii. Certification – Signature of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor; Rayna will provide blank certifications for the Mayor to sign
- h. Brochure/flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Hawthorne High School Interns – Discussed a few corrections – check for printing; cut and fold Mike Mariani – will cut
- 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

**Next Meeting Hawthorne Green Team**  
**June 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm**  
**Hawthorne Library**