



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Minutes
July 27, 2020**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Carol Robertson, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Dawn Zagatta, Holly Cowen, Maureen Cook, Craig Cayetano, and Elizabeth Della Buono/Barker

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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 July 27, 2020

- a. Review June 11, 2020 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Community Garden – Overgrown bushes adjacent to the community garden; Pat MacDonnell will visit and take photos. Pat submitted photos to Maureen Cook to issue a DPW Work Order. Completed - DPW removed/cut back the overgrown bushes; the remaining mulch was spread to the 9/11 Memorial area. Pat MacDonnell posted information “what crops available in the Fall season from

City Green” on the bulletin board; Also, Pat will post on the gardeners Facebook page.

- c. Buy local campaigns to support businesses in town -discussed Facebook Campaign “How I supported Hawthorne this Week?” Started the week of June 21, 2020; Hashtag was created several years ago - #ShopHawthorneNJ; - All agree to continue; Discussed Fall Campaign – “passport” idea; create a Business List – All Businesses – Chamber and Non-Chamber; Point System receive 2 points for Chamber business; Non-Chamber business receive 1 point; and Purchase with receipt receive 5 points
- d. Virtual Green Lectures via Zoom Meetings
 1. **Hawthorne Birds** - - Discussion with Passaic County Parks – Kerry Klug; Ask the Passaic County parks if they can publish our Hawthorne Bird booklet; Rayna will reach out to Kerry Klug and about developing a partnership to jointly conduct environmental education programs at Goffle Brook Park. Request Lisa/Holly to create one page flyer for the Hawthorne Bird presentation; Focus on the specific areas and identify the birds.
 2. **Container Gardening for Everyone** –Promote Green Team Challenge via social media Each participant will grow a vegetable or herb in a container. Each participant will take photos of the growing progress and submit to the Hawthorne Environmental Commission email HawthorneEC@gmail.com by September 1, 2020. Prizes will be given to the participant who grows the most unusual plant and most bountiful herbs/vegetables either by weight (lbs.) or number of quantities. – Need to Re-Post Green Challenge – Container Gardening
 3. Other Suggested Topics by Green Lecture participants from Learn about Lyme Disease –
 - i. Recycling – Maureen will work on program for the end of July/Beginning of August.; Hawthorne’s Program is being adjusted; Maureen is working out the details; Bottle caps continue to be collected at Boro Hall; Maureen will follow up with Trex to determine if the program is continuing to collect plastic bags
 - ii. Composting – June 2020 - Mary created the video for the Virtual Green Lecture – complete; Rayna – will create powerpoint presentation with video
 1. Trap Feral Cat Program – discussed – will be evaluated at another time.
 - iii. Cooking Class – Healthy recipes – Mary will follow up with Robin Garmise - more than likely it will be on Nutrition
- e. Town Wide Environmental Virtual Activity– Involve Community in Environmental Awareness - ***What I Love About Hawthorne***
 1. Month of July - Poster Contest “***What I Love About Hawthorne***” – Press Release Completed -Issued by July 6, 2020 The contest will begin Monday, July 13th through August 7th, 2020. – Nixel went out July 13, 2020
 2. Please email posters to HawthorneEC@gmail.com by August 7th, 2020. All posters were posted on our Facebook and voting needs to be completed by Friday, August 14th, 2020 by 5:00 pm. – Lisa will monitor the email system for posters.
- f. Gateway to the Passaic River Project

1. Sustainable Jersey and ANJEC – Request additional 90 day extension – September 30, 2020 - Approved by both organizations
 2. Trail Map Status – Finalized - all agreed 200 copies – 60 lb paper – non-gloss printing (\$325); Received Trail Maps; Waiting for invoice.
 3. Trail Sign posts , Rain Garden Sign post, and tree tags installation – Week of July 13, 2020 Installation by Downes Tree Services
 4. Milkweed Plants – Purchase from Rohsler’s Allendale Nursery – Rayna will purchase the plants and potting soil – Plant milkweed plants on Saturday August 1, 2020 at 9:00 am; bring towels, gloves, face masks, and water jugs; Rayna, Mary, Rosanne, and Pat M volunteered
 5. Poison Ivy Warning Signs – Paul Whelan will create three (3) signs; Mary will follow up with Paul – ANJEC sign, too.
 6. Grand Opening –Confirmed - Saturday August 15, 2020 at 10:00 am
Rain Date: Sunday August 16, 2020 at 10:00 am
 7. Create Invitation and List and email - Rayna
 8. Distribution list of the invitation – Hawthorne Businesses/Residents adjacent to the Gateway project area – Rayna will create the list; Mike Mariani, Rosanne Z, Mary, and Rayna will distribute to businesses
 9. Press Release – Social media (Facebook, Boro’s website, Nixel and tap into hawthorne, and gazette)
 10. Hawthorne Bait & Tackle – Mary has been working with owner, Henry, to participate at our Grand Opening.
 11. Tri-Fold Poster Boards/Easels – Create – Gateway Project – Pat MacDonnell
 12. Tap Into Hawthorne – Photographer – Lyn and working to develop an Ad for online/digital newspaper
 13. Blue Ribbon cutting (Mary will purchase)/scissors (Mayor’s)
 14. Need to bring the following materials: Chalk, green tablecloth, tape measure, posters, easels, etc.
 15. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Website – Create Green Infrastructure webpage with Gateway project, Library project (rain garden and monarch butterfly), list of environmental resources/websites, and link to the Native Plant web page – Rayna will work with Boro Administration.
 16. Discussed garbage and recycling containers be placed in the Gateway area.
- g. Anti- Idling Program - Anti-Idling Signs – Designated Locations – Ordered 30 signs from NJDEP - Additional sign Locations: for Wagaraw Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; HHS field fence; - Alex and Craig were assigned to identify the specific locations for the anti idling sign. Craig will follow up and provide the list of specific locations at next meeting.
- h. Shred Day – Saturday August 8, 2020 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Free 100 blue recycling containers will be provided to the first 100 participants.
- i. Styrofoam Drive – Discussion – Fall Date – Tentatively Saturday September 12, 2020; Maureen will confirm with Boro’s Administration.
- j. Open Discussion
1. Garbage and Litter – identified through out the Town of Hawthorne; ; Discussed having a “Litter Campaign” = potential slogans discussed – “litter bug”, “Be Part of the Solution, not the pollution”, “slam the dunk junk” “put

your trash in the can” “can your trash”, “put waste in the right place by putting it in the can” – will further discuss at next meeting

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team
ZOOM Meeting
Monday August 24, 2020 7:30 pm**

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