



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: August 26, 2019

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonald, Patty Elwood, Mary Mahon, and Lisa DeVos,

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 August 26, 2019

- a. Review July 29, 2019 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Community Garden
 - i. Harvest Celebration – Confirmed October 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm - Pat communicated to all gardeners
- c. Bird Walks 2019 – Topics - Lisa is handling the publicity – Facebook, Flyers, and Press Release
 - i. Fall 2019 Bird Walks - Confirmed September 7, 2019, September 22, 2019, and October 6, 2019
 - ii. Fall 2019 – 101 Birding Green Lecture – Confirmed Tuesday October 1, 2019
- d. Sustainable Jersey
 - i. Video Contest Discussion – Deadline Sunday September 8, 2019 – Team discussed and agreed to not enter the Video Contest at this time. However, we, Env Com/Green Team, will start to video our environmental events; starting with the Green Fair, Bird Walks, and Hawthorne Day.
 - ii. Re-Certification – Submittal – Deadline September 4, 2019; Hawthorne received Comments on Thursday July 18, 2019
 - iii. Must Revise the following Action Plans – Rayna is working on the revising the Action Plan documentation.
 - Community Outreach & Education – must submit Checklist (mandatory) – Completed
 - Emergency Communications Planning – Completed
 - **Energy Efficiency for Municipal Buildings** – Approved for 15 points, encourage to apply for Energy savings of all your municipal buildings combined.
 - Farmers Market & Making Farmers Market Accessible – Update to the 2019 Market (submitted 2018) - Completed
 - **Building Healthier Communities** – must submit Checklist (mandatory) – In process
 - Sustainable Land Use Pledge – Must Re-Adopt Resolution at Council (Action plan submission updated Spring 2019) - Completed

- Green Business Recognition Program – Must submit (2) Green Businesses – Achieved in June 2019 after submission of Application - Completed
 - Environmental Commission (EC) Site Plan Review – Must submit a Report that lists all applications sent to EC and action taken - Completed
 - Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation – Remove Canopy Goal document for approval of 10 points - Completed
 - Tree Maintenance Program – Further additional questions were raised regarding the 2018 Annual Report submitted Sent to Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Completed
 - Tree Planting Programs – Further additional questions regarding the budget showing the project funding sources and in-kind contribution of materials and volunteer labor, if utilized. – Sent to Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Completed
 - On-Line Municipal Public Service Systems – Question regarding on-line website or mobile device for residents to communicate non-emergency issues. Worked with the Administration on Friday July 26, 2019 – Hawthorne does not have an on-line website or mobile device for residents. Unfortunately, we will not be able to submit a Revised checklist to address this issue.
 - Municipal Communications Strategy – Request additional clarification on Checklist questions; Worked with the Administration on Friday July 26, 2019 on Revising the Checklist to address Sustainable Jersey comments. - Completed
 - Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal – Remove all information prior to 2016. It must be within 18 months of submittal of the Certification. - Completed
 - **Commercial & Institutional Recycling** – Action targets to address and increase recycling in the commercial/institutional sector. – Rayna will work with Maureen to address SJ’s comments; - Hawthorne does not have an active educational recycling campaign to the commercial and institutional businesses. We meet the ordinance in place requirement, but Sustainable Jersey is requiring additional work is required. Therefore, we will not be able to submit a Revised documentation to address this issue.
 - Non-Mandated Materials Recycling – Provide promotional materials for Non-Ferrous Scrap metal, tires, oil contaminated soil, cooking oil (tonnage & promotional items not submitted - This is “Food Waste” on the Annual Tonnage Report), wood waste, textiles, CDs, DVDs, etc., and Styrofoam (must be ongoing drop off or at least a twice a year collection in order to quality) - Completed
- e. Buy Local Campaign – Launch date Sunday July 1, 2019 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!”
- i. Campaign from Sunday July 1, 2019 to Saturday August 3, 2019
 - ii. Celebration of the “Find the Hawthorne BEE!” Sunday August 4, 2019 at the Farmers’ Market Noon – Encourage all to attend!
 - iii. Total of 22 business participating

- f. 9th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019)
- i. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am
 - ii. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks – Discussion regarding a local band called Willie Wilson and the Willies. Holly to check. – Confirmed Men of Horse Band booked
 - iii. Vendors –
 - Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth – Confirmed
 - Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Confirmed
 - “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom OR PCSPCA – Need to have a Discussion – No conclusive decision- Mary was not present to discuss – Confirmed
 - BEAR Management – Rayna’s contact - Confirmed
 - City Green -Pat M to check –
 - Hawthorne Garden Club -Pat M to check – Confirmed
 - Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) -Rayna – Confirmed
 - NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 - Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Anti-Idling (Led - Alex)
 - Hawthorne Birds-Lisa, Holly, Liana - Confirmed
 - Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
 - Hawthorne School of Dance -Rosanne to check with Erin – Confirmed – 12:15 m to 12:30 pm
 - The Learning Tree Rosanne to check – Confirmed
 - Chet Scents – Soy Candles Liana to check - Confirmed
 - Electric Car - Park Ave BMW- Check with Craig - Confirmed
 - Hawthorne Railroad Association - Rob
 - Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren -Rayna
 - Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission Rayna to contact Ms. Lobosco – Confirmed
 - Cub Scouts – Kim – Rosanne
 - Girl Scouts – Lauren - Rosanne
 - Lincoln Landscaping – Rayna to check – Confirmed
 - Reimagined Design Rayna – Confirmed
 - PCSPCA - Confirmed
 - A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ Rosanne to check - Confirmed
 - Bee Habitat – Mary Kostus Liana to check – Confirmed
 - Yoga with Gianna – Holly to contact – Confirmed – Will perform a Demonstration – Confirmed
 - Hawthorne Fire Department – Rosanne to check – Confirmed
 - Wildbird Unlimited – Charles to contact – Confirmed
 - Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier
 - Emerald Eco-Squad – Craig -in process
 - Elisabeth Barker – Promote/educate plant based diet and focus on environmental impacts – water, pollution, and workers – “Environmental Conscious” Confirmed
 - Bike Pad (Hawthorne) – Liana – Unable to participate

- Paws in Hand – Pat – Confirmed
 - Hawthorne Fire Department – Rosanne – Confirmed
 - New Jersey Beekeeper Association – Rosanne – Confirmed
 - Sakura Judo – Confirmed
- iv. Schedule of Events/Times – Band, Yoga, Judo, and Hawthorne School of Dance – Confirmed
 - v. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs; Maureen will contact Mike Nelson)
 - vi. Hold Harmless Agreement
 - vii. Publicity
 - Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel
 - Green Fair Ad – Hawthorne Press – Needs Update with 2019 Dates – send to Mike to update dates – Received and sent to Hawthorne Press 8-25-19
 - Green Fair Signs – Schedule to be Posted throughout Town – Mike will handle this.
 - Green Fair Flyers – Completed, Rayna will distribute to Lisa (Facebook) and Borough (website, Nixel, etc.)
 - Special Invitations – Mayor and Council – Rayna will send to Ellen/Lori
 - Schedule of Events – Poster (2) – Mary
 - viii. Giveaways -Paper Straws discussed – wrapped in Hawthorne Recycling Identification; Green Footballs; Recycled Tire Materials – Jar Openers and Dog Tags will be given out to participants
 - ix. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control – Maureen/Rob Meier
- g. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 21, 2019
 - i. Paperwork submit - Completed
 - ii. Request Volunteers Time Slots – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm; 2:00 to 4:00 pm; and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 - iii. Giveaways – Glow in the Dark – Necklaces and bracelets – Rosanne – Budget of \$150; Team discussed Alex’s suggestion about apples; It was agreed to give necklaces and bracelets and not food given out to participants.
 - h. Open Discussions/Topics:
 - i. Green Acres Public Notice Hearing – Passaic County giving Hawthorne part of the Goffle Brook Park; Hearing Dates: September 24 2019 in Paterson and August 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm Boys & Girls Club in Hawthorne – All are encouraged to attend.
 - ii. Styrofoam & Shredding Day Collection – Saturday October 19, 2019 at Municipal Building Parking Lot; Rain or Shine; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Reviewed and discussed draft Styrofoam flyer; made suggestions; Rayna will send to Maureen for final approval of the flyer; Craig will prepare a colorful flyer for our Social Media Campaign.

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 Green Team Meeting
Monday September 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library