



### **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: September 23, 2019**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Robertson, Holly Cowen, Karen Young, Liana Romano, Pat MacDonald, Mary Mahon, Lisa DeVos, Charles Stebbins (8:20 pm), and Craig Cayetano (8:25 pm)

#### 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 September 23, 2019

- a. Review August 26, 2019 Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden
  - i. Harvest Celebration – Confirmed October 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm - Pat communicated to all gardeners; Green Team decided to Cancel event; no interested gardener for participation; Pat MacDonald will distribute an email to all gardeners notifying them about cancellation of the Harvest Celebration; Invite All Gardeners to the Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Monday October 28, 2019
  - ii. Hawthorne Food Pantry Donation – Pat will follow up with Barbara on status of food donation
- c. Bird Walks 2019
  - i. Fall 2019 Bird Walks at 8 Acre Woods – Sunday September 22, 2019, and Sunday October 6, 2019 at 8:30 am
  - ii. Fall 2019 – 101 Birding Green Lecture – Confirmed Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library
- d. Sustainable Jersey
  - i. Re-Certification – Comments from Initial June submittal 2019 – Deadline September 4, 2019; - Completed; waiting for final notification – October 2019
- e. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 21, 2019 – Thank you to Mary Mahon, Alex Vetlox, Charles Stebbins, Liana Romano, Carol Roberston, Pat MacDonald, Rosanne Zagatta, Patty Elwood, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen volunteering at Hawthorne Day promoting Hawthorne’s Sustainability Vision – Environmental Education and Awareness!
- f. The New Jersey Composting Council and the Rutgers EcoComplex are pleased to announce New Jersey’s first Organics Waste Management Summit – Tuesday October 1, 2019; Team decided that Pat MacDonald will follow up with the New Jersey Composting Council to get additional information from the conference/workshop
  - i. The summit will host panels featuring experienced industry professionals, academics and regulators on topics that include:

1. Curbside Food Waste challenges and logistics
  2. The state of organics, laws and legislation in New Jersey
  3. Compost and Digester technologies
  4. Compostable products and their processing
  5. Community Composting
  6. Compost utilization and marketing
  7. Efficient approaches to achieve Circular Carbon Economy
- g. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019) – Discussion Moved to Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Thursday October 10, 2019
- i. What went well/Improvements for 2020
  - ii. Thank You Notes
- h. Styrofoam & Shredding Day Collection – Saturday October 19, 2019 at Municipal Building Parking Lot; Rain or Shine; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm;
- i. Finalized Styrofoam flyer and pre-ss release;
  - ii. Maureen will send flyer (non-color photo) as the Ad (weeks of September 30 and Week of October 14, 2019) in the Hawthorne Press
  - iii. Maureen - Press Release to Gazette, Tap A Net, and Hawthorne Press
  - iv. Volunteer Time Slots
    - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – Karen Young, Mary Mahon, and Pat MacDonald
    - 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Pat MacDonald
    - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Charles Stebbins, Carol Robertson, and Liana Romano
- i. Open Discussions/Topics:
- i. 2020 Cel Earth Bration Date - Saturday April 18, 2020 – Confirmed
  - ii. Eagle Scout Project – 8 Acre Wood Project – Re-invigorate Butterfly Garden (September 23, 2019 request to Borough Administrator)

### **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  
October 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Hawthorne Library**