



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: October 28, 2019

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Robertson, Pat MacDonald, Mary Mahon, Maureen Cook, Community Gardeners – Victor Tamburro, Barbara Pisacane, Rita Pinelli, Barbara Wagner, and Jack Stysma

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 October 28, 2019

- a. Review September 23, 2019 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Community Garden – Gardeners Participation
 - i. Harvest Celebration – October 12, 2019 - Cancelled
 - ii. Hawthorne Food Pantry Donation – As of September 30, 2019 – 13 lbs. – Thank you Barbara Pisacane for leading the community garden donations to the Hawthorne Food pantry.
 - iii. 2019 What went well and improvements/enhancements discussion
 - Not a good year for vegetable harvest; weather – lots of rain
 - Pathways/walkways – weeds; gardeners not removing the weeds surrounding their garden beds
 - Request regularly communication to the gardeners – reminders about the weeds; suggestion every 3 weeks; friendly reminders – food basket collection for Hawthorne’s food pantry
 - Request a list of all the community gardeners email addresses to be distributed
 - Best method of communication – emails; not all the gardeners are on Facebook – Hawthorne’s NJ Community Garden page
 - Late April/May – deliver of mulch – Hold 1st meeting at the Community Garden instead of attending a Green Team meeting in March
 - Garden Advice – use dehydrated cow manure as a fertilizer;
 - Reported by Cathy McCauley’s garden bed – appears to be poison ivy growing; Barbara Pisacane will investigate and report back to Rayna and gardeners
 - Next Step: Jack Stysma will take the garden hose and store it for the winter.
 - iv. 2020 Community Garden – Rayna will send out first refusal/clean out garden beds email to all gardeners.
- c. Bird Walks 2019 – discussion moved to the November’s meeting
 - i. Fall 2019 Bird Walks at 8 Acre Woods (Oct. 6, 2019) & 101 Birding Green Lecture (Oct. 1, 2019)
 - ii. Bird Walks Winter 2020 Discussion

- d. Sustainable Jersey
 - i. Re-Certification – Comments from Initial June submittal 2019 – Deadline September 4, 2019; - Completed; Monday October 28, 2019 – Rayna received Confirmation that Hawthorne Achieved Silver !!! 500 Action Points Achieved!!!!
- 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. 9th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019) – Discussion Moved to Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Thursday October 10, 2019; - Again Moved to the 2019 November’s Environmental Commission meeting
 - i. What went well/Improvements for 2020
 - ii. Thank You Notes
- g. Styrofoam & Shredding Day Collection – Borough of Hawthorne & Green Team - Saturday October 19, 2019 at Municipal Building Parking Lot; Rain or Shine; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm;
 - i. Volunteer Time Slots – Thank You!
 - 9:00 am to 10:00 am –Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonald, and Alex Vetlov (8:45 to 9:45 am)
 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Liana Romano, and Pat MacDonald
 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Craig Cayetano, Carol Robertson, Mike Mariani, and Liana Romano
 - ii. It went very well! The Haskell facility accepted all 54 bags of Styrofoam that was collected. Thank you to my Hawthorne Environmental Commissioners, Green Team members, Hawthorne Recycling Department, and DPW for volunteering your time for another successful event.
 - iii. Need additional Orange Cones to direct traffic in the parking lot of the Municipal Building.
 - iv. Discussed holding three (3) times a year collection of Styrofoam – October, January, and May timeframe
 - v. Craig – Create a Video to demonstrate what is acceptable Styrofoam for the collection drive and not acceptable
- h. 2020 Calendar – Green Team Meeting Dates & Events – Discussed and Agreed upon the dates
 - i. 10th Annual Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 13, 2020 (Rain Date Sunday September 20, 2020)
 (Note: all meetings held at the Hawthorne Library 345 Lafayette Avenue

@ 7:30 pm.unless otherwise specified. All are welcome to attend.)

January 27, 2020
February 24, 2020
March 23, 2020
April 27, 2020
June 1, 2020

July 27, 2020
August 24, 2020
September 28, 2020
October 26, 2020
November 23, 2020
December 10, 2020

- 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)
 - iii. Discussed adopt stormwater catch basins – surface cleaning only; not getting in the stormwater catch basin to remove debris; need to further discuss
 - iv. Trek Plastic Recycling Program – Maureen will investigate further into the program for Hawthorne
 - v. Anti-Idling Signs – Purchase Additional signs for potentially the following locations: Wag Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; Cubs field Maitland Ave, HHS field fence, Gateway Area, Boro Hall, Ambulance Corp, and Hawthorne Library; Rayna will reach out to NJDEP for pricing of the signs

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
November 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**