



**Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes
November 14, 2019**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Carol Robertson, Mike Mariani, and Pat MacDonnell

Guests/Green Team Members: Maureen Cook, Holly Cowen, Elisabeth Barker (7:50 pm), Alex, Vetlov, and Craig Cayetano (7:45 pm)

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – October 10, 2019
Motion by: Mary Mahon Second by: Carol Robertson

- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – April to October 2019 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards

- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. 53 Braen Avenue LLC – 10 Sotnick Street Application – Hearing July 2019; Preliminary discussed the revised plans for two (2) family homes in a R-1 Zone; Highlighted past environmental Commission’s concerns (letter dated November 7, 2013); Chair will prepare written report for July meeting; Discussed “draft written report” with the Commission; All agreed with the Environmental Commissions comments; July meeting was postponed until the August 19, 2019 at 6:45 pm. Encourage all to attend the Zoning Board meeting – Postponed to September 16, 2019 meeting at 6:45 pm; **Re-Postponed to Monday December 16, 2019**

- IV. 2020 Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room

January 9, 2020
February 13, 2020
March 12, 2020
April 9, 2020
May 14, 2020 – Joint Env Com/Green Team
June 8, 2020 – Annual Environmental Program
July 9, 2020
August 13, 2020
September 10, 2020
October 8, 2020
November 12, 2020
December 10, 2020

2020 Cel Earth Bration Date - Saturday April 18, 2020

Discussion – moving the meeting time to 7:00 pm from 7:30 pm; Motion by: Robert Meier; Seconded By: Mike Mariani; Voted by Commissioners – passed; will try a different time in 2020

V. 2020 Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Dates – Hawthorne Library – Conference Room

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

10th Green Fair at the Famer’s Market Sunday September 13, 2020 (rain date Sunday Sept 20, 2020); Hawthorne Day Saturday September 26, 2020;

VI. Sustainable Jersey

- a. 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!!!!
- b. Publicity – Press Release – Hawthorne Press, Gazette, Channel 77, Electronic Board; Facebook

VII. Bird Walks

- a. Fall 2019 Bird Walks at 8 Acre Woods (October 6, 2019) and Green Lecture – 101 Birding (October 1, 2019) – Went very well;
- b. Bird Walks Winter 2020 Discussion – Will discuss at Green Team meeting Nov 25, 2019

VIII. 9th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019)

- a. What went well:
 - 1. Layout of the Green Fair – tables/vendors
 - 2. New Organizations participation
 - 3. Family Yoga demonstration
 - 4. Beekeeper
 - 5. Publicity – Facebook/articles in newspapers
- b. Improvements for 2020:
 - 1. Men of Horses – Band – Discussion on hiring a local Hawthorne Band/Group (HHS Jazz Band – Rosanne, Tri-Key Diamond Bridge – Elizabeth, Artisted Studio on Lincoln Ave, Tammy Moore – Haw Singer at Fight 4 Autism event; and Willie Wilson (\$200 per person + \$125 on top of per person) at the Green Fair; need a change; Budget between \$400 to \$500; (3) sets for 45 minutes; and (2) 15 minute breaks
 - 2. Compost Demonstration
 - 3. Rain Barrel Demonstration

- 4. Family Yoga demonstration
 - 5. No Pesticides – lawn
 - 6. Organic Pest Landscaping – Lincoln Landscaping
 - 7. Passaic River Coalition – Montclair State University
 - c. Thank You Notes
- IX. Styrofoam & Shredding Day Collection – Saturday October 19, 2019
- a. Press Release – Summary of accomplishment – Craig Cayetano – will prepare the Press Release
 - b. Rayna will send Press Release to Hawthorne Press, Gazette, Record
 - c. Winter 2020 Styrofoam Collection Day – Saturday January 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Snow Date: Saturday January 11, 2020)
 - d. Video – Styrofoam – Craig – Will conduct at the joint env com/green team meeting Thursday December 5, 2019
- X. Trek Plastic Recycling Program – Maureen investigated into the program for Hawthorne – Starts November 15, 2019 – (6 month period);
- a. Discussed working with the schools – Superintendent of Schools – Principals – PTOs
 - b. Program – 5 Schools + Boro Hall; Library?
 - c. Blue Plastic Bins – Who’s going to collect the plastics? Discussed destined Environmental Commissioner and/or Green Team Members
 - d. Potential Volunteers – Mary Mahon, Alex Vetlox, Craig Cayetano, Elizabeth Barker, Carol Roberston, and Mike Mariani
 - e. Sub Committee will meet on Sunday November 17, 2019 at Rayna’s House – 11:00 am – Rosanne and Craig
- XI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Library – Outside contractor cut the Milkweed and Joe Pye Weed at the Rain Garden; Outside contractor will replace and replant milkweed in the area. – Maureen Cook
 - b. Municipal Building - Outside contractor removed the Asters located at the entrance of the Municipal Building. Outside contractor will replace and replant asters in the area. – Maureen Cook
 - c. Rain Garden – Carol Library – collect milkweed seeds – Spring 2020
 - d. Request service volunteer letter for Grace Young – Rayna will prepare letter - Completed
 - e. Anti-Idling Signs – Purchase Additional signs for Wag Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; HHS field fence???. Rayna will reach out to NJDEP for pricing of the signs; NJDEP signs – 25 for \$390.50; 30 for \$477; Team agreed to purchase 30 signs; 2019 Haw Env Com budget can cover this expense
 - f. Thank You Ad – Hawthorne Press – Rayna will work on it.

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Thursday December 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Municipal Building**