



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: November 25, 2019

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Robertson, Rosanne Zagatta, Liana Romano, Mary Mahon, Holly Cowen, Charles Stebbins, and Craig Cayetano (8:19 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 November 25, 2019

- a. Review October 28, 2019 Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden – Gardeners Participation
 - i. 2020 Community Garden – Waiting for (2) gardeners’ response - first refusal/clean out garden beds.; Rayna will follow up.
- c. Bird Walks - Winter 2020 – Team agreed that we will not conduct Winter 2020 bird walks – safety (icy/snowy) and slippery (leaves/debris) concerns walking in the woods and Goffle Brook paths; Will schedule in Spring and Fall 2020
- d. Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon November 19, 2019 – Frank Matthews, John Lane, and Rayna Laiosa attended the luncheon! Hawthorne was recognized for the 3rd Time Silver Level!
- e. Styrofoam Collection – Borough of Hawthorne & Green Team - Saturday January 4, 2020 (Rain or Snow Date of Saturday January 11, 2020) at Municipal Building Parking Lot; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm;
 - i. Volunteer Time Slots –
 - 9:00 am to 10:00 am
 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - ii. Craig – Create a Video to demonstrate what is acceptable Styrofoam for the collection drive and not acceptable
 - iii. Photo/Video Release – sent to Borough Attorney for review; waiting for approval
 - iv. Publicity – Flyers, Facebook, Electronic Board, Nixel, Borough’s Website, Newspapers, including
 - v. Need additional Orange Cones to direct traffic in the parking lot of the Municipal Building.
- f. Trek Plastic Recycling 2020 Program
 - i. School Program – November 15 to April 15 – set timeframe
 - ii. Community Program – town/organization determines the 6 month timeframe
 - iii. Launch Community Program – April 1 to October 1, 2020 (Cel Earth Bration with ending Green Fair/Hawthorne Day)
 - iv. Discussed partnering with the local business/Chamber of Commerce

- v. Agreed no food/restaurants locations – food contamination
 - vi. Potential Locations – Commissioners/Green Team Members will conduct a preliminary site visit to determine if the location is suitable for a collection bin
 - Boro Hall
 - Hawthorne Library
 - Sparkler Dry Cleaners
 - Paul’s Volvo
 - Neat Dry Cleaners
 - Best Cleaners
 - Lorant Cleaners
 - Laundry Quick
 - Hawthorne’s Farmers’ Market – June to September 2020
 - vii. Collection bin – made in the USA cardboard bins; discussed plastic liner to collect the plastics
 - viii. Designated Commissioner/Green Team Member to pick up at the locations; weigh each plastic bags; and report to central point person;
 - ix. Central Point Person – send monthly emails to Trex with weight of plastic recycled for Hawthorne
 - x. Designated Drop Off Locations – Acme, Whole Foods, Target and Kohls
 - xi. Publicity – Posters in the windows of the businesses (similar to Buy Local Campaign posters – Green Map)
 - xii. Website/Facebook/Newspapers/Ads/Electronic Boards, Nixel Alerts
- g. Anti-Idling Signs – Designated Locations – Ordered 30 signs from NJDEP
- h. Gateway to the Passaic River Project – Received “final draft” of trail map with rain garden information on the 2nd page; Requested to make “what is a rain garden” first, then “Why native plants”; Mary will communicate to Marc for the changes/revisions
- i. Open Discussions/Topics:
- i. 2020 Library Meeting Application Form -Rayna will complete
 - ii. Municipal Building – Native Plant Project Update – In Review of the proposal and will set up a meeting with the Administration, DPW, and Mayor – Meeting held on Friday August 2, 2019 – went very well; DPW will begin the removal of the Arborvitae; Rayna will follow up with Mike – regarding pricing for the pots.; Received Final Proposal; Submitted Paperwork for Processing to the Borough August 26, 2019; Timeframe - August/September 2019 DPW removed the bushes/vegetation; tree stumps remain and must be grinded up/removed prior to Lincoln Landscape can begin the native plant planting;
- November 2019 - Lincoln Landscaping was hired to prep the area (tree stumps grinded up/removed), topsoil, transport Hofstra’s, for planting of the native plants; Lincoln Landscaping will be planting the native plants this week (November 25, 2019); Requested pricing/invoice for 2 large pots in front of the monument from Lincoln Landscaping

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 Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting
Thursday December 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Municipal Building