



Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes December 5, 2019

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

Guests/Green Team Members: Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Elisabeth Barker, Alex, Vetlov, Craig Cayetano, and Dan Waldeck

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – November 14, 2019
 - b. Green Team Minutes – November 25, 2019Motion by: Liana Romano Second by: Robert Meier

- II. 2019 Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team Accomplishments
 - a. December 29, 2018 – Styrofoam Drive Collection
 - b. Green Lecture Birding 101 March 5, 2019
 - c. Green Lecture Norwex Green Cleaning March 19, 2019
 - d. 27th Annual Cel Earth Bration and Shredding Day April 6, 2019
 - e. Bird Walk with Hawthorne History of Goffle Brook Park at Rea Mansion April 13, May 11, May 25, and June 1, 2019
 - f. Annual June Environmental Program June 10, 2019
 - g. Gateway to the Passaic River Project – Installation of Nesting Boxes and River Clean up with Boys Scouts February 2019
 - h. Hop the Shop Buy Local Campaign
 - i. Find the Hawthorne BEE! Buy Local Campaign
 - j. Bird Walk at the 8 Acre Woods September 7, September 22, and October 6, 2019
 - k. 9th Annual Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market September 8, 2019
 - l. Green Lecture Birding 101 October 1, 2019
 - m. October 19, 2019 Styrofoam Drive and Community Shredding Day
 - n. Municipal Building Front of Building – Native Plant Project
 - o. 53 Braen Avenue – Zoning Board of Adjustment – Prepared and submitted written report
 - p. Anti-Idling Tagging Day May 18, 2019
 - q. Draft Hawthorne Zoning Ordinances – Prepared and submitted written comments to Borough Attorney
 - r. Hawthorne Community Garden 6th Growing Season!
 - s. November 2019 Awarded 3rd Time Silver Sustainable Jersey Certification with 500 Action Points!

- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – Did not receive them from the Borough

- IV. Planning Board Report – No report

- V. 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**

VI. 2020 Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room **at 7:00 pm**

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

VII. 2020 Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Dates – Hawthorne Library – Conference Room at 7:30 pm

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

VIII. Sustainable Jersey Luncheon November 19, 2019 – Frank Matthews, John Lane, and Rayna Laiosa attended the luncheon! Hawthorne was recognized for the 3rd Time Silver Level!

IX. Hawthorne Green Team

- a. **Styrofoam Winter Collection 2020** – Saturday January 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Snow Date: Saturday January 11, 2020) Boro Hall Parking Lot
- b. Video – Styrofoam – Craig – Will conduct at the joint env com/green team meeting Thursday December 5, 2019; Craig prepared the Video Messages/Statement “Hi Everyone my name is Rayna Laiosa, I’m here with the Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team to remind you to Save Your Styrofoam this Holiday Season. We are hosting our next Winter Styrofoam Drive at Borough Hall on Saturday January 4th, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our snow date just in case of inclement weather would be on January 11th at the same time. Here are examples of acceptable Styrofoam: packaging materials from furniture, appliances and electronics. The materials must be clean and dry. Please remove any tape or labels before dropping them off to us that Saturday. Here are some we cannot accept: packaging peanuts, Styrofoam coffee or beverage cups, Food Containers or plastic (spongy) packing materials. We appreciate the town’s continued support for these drives and will keep hosting them! Thank you again!” – Craig will edit and finalize the video and send it to Rayna.
- c. Photo/Video Release – sent to Borough Attorney for review; waiting for approval
- d. Publicity – Flyers (Craig Cayetano), Facebook (Lisa DeVos), Electronic Board, Nixel, Borough’s Website, Newspapers (Press Release - Rayna Laiosa), including
- e. Suggestion – Purchase Lawn Signs for Styrofoam Event – 2020
- f. Need additional Orange Cones to direct traffic in the parking lot of the Municipal Building.
- g. Volunteers Requested
 - 1. 9:00 am to 10:00 am – Rayna, Carol, and Dan
 - 2. 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Carol, Liana, and Dan
 - 3. 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Craig, Carol, Liana, and Dan
- h. **Anti-Idling Signs** – Purchased 30 signs Additional sign Locations: for Wagaraw Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; HHS field fence; Arrived at Borough Hall!

- X. Trek Plastic Recycling 2020 Program -Hawthorne Environmental Commission
 - a. Community Program – town/organization determines the 6 month timeframe
 - b. Launch Community Program – April 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020 (Cel Earth Bration with ending Green Fair/Hawthorne Day)
 - c. Discussed partnering with the local business/Chamber of Commerce
 - d. Agreed no food/restaurants locations – food contamination
 - e. Potential Locations – Commissioners/Green Team Members will conduct a preliminary site visit (January 2020) to determine if the location is suitable for a collection bin
 - 1. Boro Hall - Agree
 - 2. Hawthorne Library - Agree
 - 3. Sparkler Dry Cleaners - Craig
 - 4. Paul’s Volvo – Mary
 - 5. Neat Dry Cleaners - Rosanne
 - 6. Best Cleaners – Carol
 - 7. Lorant Cleaners - Rayna
 - 8. Launder Quick (adjacent to Villa Rosa) – Pat
 - 9. Hawthorne’s Farmers’ Market – June to September 2020 – Agree
 - f. Collection bin – made in the USA cardboard bins; discussed plastic liner to collect the plastics – Agree we need to purchase cardboard bins and plastic liner

- g. Designated Commissioner/Green Team Member to pick up at the locations; weigh each plastic bags; and report to central point person;
 - h. Central Point Person – send monthly emails to Trex with weight of plastic recycled for Hawthorne
 - i. Designated Drop Off Locations – Acme, Whole Foods, Target and Kohls; Carol will visit Target and Kohls to find out if they will take bulk shipments of the plastic for Hawthorne – After the Holidays – January 2020
 - j. Publicity – Posters in the windows of the businesses (similar to Buy Local Campaign posters – Green Map)
 - k. Website/Facebook/Newspapers/Ads/Electronic Boards, Nixel Alerts
- XI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Thank You Ad – Hawthorne Press – Rayna/Mike will work on it. – Color ½ page Ad; waiting for price from Press; Made 4 additions to the Ad; Mike will be update and send back to Rayna by Monday December 9, 2019.
 - b. Environmental Intern – Daniel Waldeck – project – Review/Update Hawthorne’s Environmental Resource Inventory Report; This report is reviewed and updated every ten (10) years. It is part of Hawthorne’s Master Plan.
 - c. Municipal Building Native Plant Project – Completed!!! Lincoln Landscaping did an Excellent Job!

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting
Thursday January 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Municipal Building**

**Hawthorne Green Team Meeting
Monday January 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**