



**Virtual Meeting
Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Minutes
December 10, 2020**

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

Guests: Kayla Brady, Dawn Zagatta, Elisabeth Barker, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – November 12, 2020
 - b. Hawthorne Green Team Minutes – November 23, 2020Motion by Mary Mahon, Second by: Pat MacDonnell

- II. 2020 Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team Accomplishments
2020 Theme “Take Action”- Accomplishments Developed, Created, and Implemented; Adapted to Keep Going!
 - a. 2020 Virtual Green Lectures: 1) June 30, 2020 Virtual Bird Walk- Goffle Brook Park, 2) June 23, 20 Container Gardening- Jack, 3) May 28, 2020 Lyme Disease
 - b. Green Challenge- Container Gardening- Awarded the prizes at the Farmer’s Market August 23, 2020

- c. January 2020- Styrofoam Drive and Christmas Tree Collection- Boro Hall; September 19, 2020 Styrofoam Collection
- d. December 2019- All Cleared Environmental- Gateway to the Passaic River Can Proceed Forward!
- e. January 2020- Downes- Completed the building of the rain gardens
- f. May 2020- Downes and Rutgers- planted native plants in the rain gardens
- g. July/August 2020- Poster Contest- “Why I Love Hawthorne”; Boro Parking Lot - Award Ceremony on August 23, 2020
- h. August 15, 2020- Grand Opening Gateway to the Passaic River; August 1, 2020- Mary, Rosanne, and Rayna planted swamp milkweed
- i. August 8, 2020- Shred Day-Boro; November 7, 2020- volunteered Shred Boro (Nov 7, 2020 – 3.23 tons; 185 cars)
- j. October 2020- Help the Hawthorne BEE Defeat Litter!- Giveaway and Prizes Presented on November 21, 2020)
- k. Milkweed Planting at the Gateway in October Donated Milkweed from Phil Savoie
- l. Launched Kids Corner- Newsletter November 2020
- m. June 2020 Facebook- Promote Buy Local- How did I support local businesses?
- n. Virtual Zoom Meetings- Commission and Green Team 2020!
- o. Successful Completed Two Grants- Sustainable Jersey and ANJEC Final Grant Reports!!!
- p. Publicity- Channel 12 NJ News- Gateway Project; August 17, 2020- North Jersey Bergen Record- Gateway
- q. Increase Publicity/Communication – Facebook – Promote Birds of Hawthorne by Holly Cowen

III. 2021 Calendar Dates – Hawthorne Environmental Commission at 7:30 pm – Virtual Thursday – Agreed and Approved

January 14, 2021
February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021
April 8, 2021
May 13, 2021
June 8, 2021 – Annual Environmental Program
July 8, 2021
August 12, 2021
September 9, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 11, 2021
December 9, 2021

IV. 2021 Calendar Dates – Green Team Meetings at 7:30 pm Virtual – Monday – Agreed & Approved

- 1. January 25, 2021
- 2. February 22, 2021
- 3. March 22, 2021
- 4. April 26, 2021 (Cel Earth Bration Saturday April 17th, 2021)
- 5. May 24, 2021
- 6. Tuesday June 8, 2021 (June Env Program Meeting)

7. July 26, 2021
8. August 23, 2021
9. September 12, 2021 – Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market
10. September 27, 2021
11. October 25, 2021
12. November 22, 2021
13. December 9, 2021 (Joint Meeting – Haw Env Com)

- V. Planning Board Report - No Reports Reported
- VI. Styrofoam Day – January 2021??? – Discussed potential dates – Saturday January 9, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00pm; Snow/Rain Date Saturday January 16, 2021; Rayna will send an email to Maureen with the potential dates to confirm with the Boro – Confirmed Boro Hall - Saturday January 9, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Rain/Snow Date: Saturday January 16, 2021
- VII. Community Garden – Update for 2021 Growing Season
 - a. Will announce (2) 4x 8 garden beds will be available in January 2021
 - b. Community Garden – all garden beds were removed and cleaned out by Thanksgiving weekend. Confirmed by Pat MacDonnell
- VIII. Kids Corner Newsletter – Month of December – Topic?? December topic; conifer trees, pine cones, craft/art project, science of how pinecones open + science experiment (popcorn and cranberries to decorate trees, after the holidays put outside for birds and squirrels; peanut butter bird feeders (maybe? Allergies might be an issue) ; January will be about snow
- IX. 10th Annual Green Fair
 - a. Communication to Vendors/Participants - Open to New Ideas/Topics – Set Up Separate Zoom Meeting for Each Lecture – 30 to 45 mins/lecture or if a participant is unable to conduct lecture – provide a 2 minute video; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; - Reviewed Lisa’s draft email – Looks Good! Lisa sent email to all potential vendors and participants via the HawthorneEC@gmail.com email account Lisa or Rosanne to monitor email system; both will be contacts in the email sent to the participants. Give 2 week deadline; 2 weeks to send the presentation/video; Tentatively scheduled End of January to March 2021; Vendors will select up to 3 potential dates of preference; Request presentations and videos by mid-December 2020
 - b. Potential Topics/Discussions – A total of 12 Programs; Currently have 4 programs (bolded text) with ready to go presentations.
 - i. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Maureen will work on program for the end of July/Beginning of August; Hawthorne’s Program is being adjusted; Maureen is working out the details; Bottle caps continue to be collected at Boro Hall; Maureen will follow up with Trex to determine if the program is continuing to collect plastic bags
 - ii. **Composting – Mary and Trig – Confirmed - not a Wednesday date; any of the Tuesday’s date works**
 - iii. **Container Gardening – Jack (Pat will reach out to Jack) and Winners of Green Team Challenge**
 - iv. **Hawthorne Birds – Lisa and Holly**
 - v. **Lyme Disease - Alexandra**

- vi. Electric Charging Vehicle Stations – Plug In Service Stations Inc.- Confirmed
 - vii. BEAR – Doreen
 - viii. Rutgers – Rain Gardens and Gateway to the Passaic River project– Matt
 - ix. Nutrition – Robin Garmise – Confirmed
 - x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Confirmation - will do a video and a lecture
 - xi. Reimagined Design – Stephanie
 - xii. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne – Veronica – Pat will contact – Confirmed
 - xiii. Hawthorne Historical Society – Veronica – Pat will contact
 - xiv. Vegan Living - Elisabeth Barker
 - xv. Animals Need You – Tom – Mary will contact Tom
 - xvi. Paws to Hands – Pat will contact Stu
 - xvii. Solar Company – Elisabeth will investigate; maybe contact people that have solar panels where they got it from; maybe bring them to Cel Earth Bration, Green Fair, etc. Commission worked Eco Ed from Ridgewood who passed away several years ago. He was our contact person. Craig will reach out to possible companies to see if they are willing to participate in the Green Fair and create some sort of presentation about solar. – Craig Emailed 2 solar people; waiting for response
 - xviii. Benefits of Hybrid Vehicles and Electric Cars, the importance of charging stations –Craig Cayetano - Craig will think about something for hybrids (focus on cars) and available rebates : this might be one of the first lectures we do because of the rebates; he might make a video about the cars and how it works and then some sort of presentation with rebates and how it works (he will continue to think about it); use broad topics to cover different brands
- c. Discussed pairing of topics together – Will re-evaluate once we have confirmed vendors to participate at our Virtual Green Fair
- i. Composting + Container Gardening
 - ii. Hawthorne Birds
 - iii. Shadetree Commission
 - iv. Stormwater Gateway Project
 - v. Lyme Disease + BEAR
 - vi. EV Charging Station
 - vii. Community Garden + Nutrition + Vegan Life
 - viii. Hawthorne Historical Society + A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne
 - ix. Animals Need You + Paws to Hands
 - x. Recycling + Reimagined Designs
 - xi. 2 Minute Video depending on if the above participants do not have a full 30 to 45 minute program
- d. Create Green Fair Schedule – Participant/Vendor – pick and choice session (Green Team proposed dates and times)
- e. Publicity
- i. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel
 - ii. Green Fair Flyers –

X. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps

- a. November 2020 – Goffle Brook Park –Trees: emerald ash infestation is causing trees to be needed to be taken down; Rayna will send Liana’s email to Hawthorne’s Shade Tree Commission so they can educate people about the infestation; buying firewood that is possibly infected, people’s property

Happy and Healthy Holidays!

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday January 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

And

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team
ZOOM Meeting
Monday January 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm**