



## Environmental Commission Minutes March 10, 2016

Call to Order: Rosanne Zagatta, Bob Maggio, Robert Meier, Mary Lou DiMattia, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, and Rayna Laiosa (via cell phone to open the meeting)

Guests: Yvonne Humphries, Carol Robertson, Maureen Cook, Paul Giardino, and Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2016 and February 11, 2016  
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – Recent Record articles Perfluorooctanic acid (PFOAs)
  - a. Rayna discussed with Eric Maurer – PFOAs have no regulatory limit; In 2007, a state health advisory issued recommended of 0.04 ppb for long term exposure; In 2013, NJDEP requested Hawthorne to test water supply; Levels were 0.02 ppb and re-tested in 2014 showed non-detection; Hawthorne’s drinking water is safe to drink.
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. **Community Garden**
    1. 2016 Community Garden Season
    2. One (1) 4 x 8 Raised Bed is available. Deadline Friday February 12, 2016 – Marc Molinaro was assigned to the garden bed; Rayna notified Marc on March 6, 2016.
  - b. **Green Lecture** – May 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Native Plants” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening
  - c. **Green Lecture** – March/April 2016 – Gardening Basics – Need to discuss with Jack Systma
  - d. **Next Green Team Meeting March 28, 2016**
- IV. Fair Lawn Green Fair – Fair Lawn Community Center on Wednesday March 9, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm; Rain Date March 10, 2016 – All members are encouraged to attend the event. Carol and Pat attended and shared information/experience.
- V. Sustainable Jersey
  - a. Re-Certification – Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016; Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – June 5, 2016; All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference
  - b. Discuss/Update 2015-2016 Action – Assign Action Plan Summary - Rayna met with Yvonne and Carol on Sunday March 6, 2016 to discuss re-certification action plans;
    1. Carol will prepare the update to the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign Action Plan
    2. Yvonne will prepare the update to the Environmental Commission Action Plan
  - c. Sustainable Jersey Grant Program – \$2,000 grant – Native Plant Innovation Project – Submitted on Saturday February 6, 2016; Announcement of Winners on

March 21, 2016; On March 6, 2016, Rayna sent electronically the grant application to the Borough for their records.

- VI. ANJEC – Another opportunity to get funds for the enhancement of the Borough of Hawthorne Native Plants on Borough property; Expansion of the Rain Garden and Butterfly Garden at the Library
  - a. 2016 ANJEC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANTS FOR OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS – Grant funds up to \$1,500. Deadline April 1, 2016 – Carol Robertson reviewed and prepared a draft grant application. Rayna will review.
  
- VII. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou discussed the Royal Avenue density problem
  
- VIII. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
  - a. Theme “Green Living”
  - b. School Application – BOE – Rosanne submitted – Room 120, cafeteria, auditorium, and classrooms – Done
  - c. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne will be requests
  - d. Discussion – A Learning Experience Interactive Stations – “Learning Centers”
    - a. Bird teaching in classroom – Barbara McGuirk; Mary Mahon will put together a craft project on the topic of birds for the kids (coloring books; hummingbird nest, etc.); Bob was successful in getting 100 coloring books from NJDEP to give out at Cel-Earth-Bration
    - b. Kids to Kids Program – Scott Chrimel – Food Web, Water, Recycling, Anti-Idling
  - e. Recycling Contest – “Giving Living”; Rosanne will prepare and submit letters to the Teachers – Done
    - a. Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses; need donation letter; Rayna prepared letter and send to members on March 6, 2016
    - b. 2016 Business List – See Excel spreadsheet - Reviewed and donations are coming in!
    - c. Certificates – None; same as last year 2015
    - d. Judges –
  - f. Winners – Display at the Hawthorne Library – Approved
  - g. Potential Vendors/Entertainment
    - a. Getting to Know Hawthorne’s Environment – Environmental Resource Inventory Figures/Maps – Water – Yvonne will put together a summary for Rayna to review; Green Map (pictures of Touring of Hawthorne; walking down the hallway display)
    - b. Facepainting/Tattoos/Sponges – Rosanne will purchase items;
    - c. Craft Workshop – Mary Mahon
    - d. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Ellen will reach out to the Shadetree about their participation – Confirmed
    - e. Monarch Butterfly Demonstration Table – Ed McGuirk
    - f. Flo’s Market – Rayna will follow-up with Flo (Ellen)
    - g. Dirt Cake – Scott Chrimel
    - h. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bration; Raffles – plants???
    - i. Request – Sewing School participation and Stephanie Tonnesen, local resident, will conduct the “Re-Purpose Clothes” workshop
  - h. Schedule of Events - Need two Posters
    - a. Rizzo Reptile
    - b. Mad Science
    - c. Bird Learning Center
    - d. Kids to Kids Programs
    - e. Award Ceremony

- i. Publicity/Press Release/Ads
    - a. Ad – Environmental Commission – Hawthorne Press Run week of 4/4/2016
    - b. Ad – Shadetree Commission – Hawthorne Press Run week of 3/24/2016
    - c. Channel 77
    - d. Nextel Alerts
    - e. Hawthorne Press/Gazette – Hawthorne Press/Gazette week of 3/31/2016
    - f. Borough Website
    - g. Facebook pages
    - h. Signs – Doubled sided wording; Mike is working wth Marc Molenaro
  - j. Cel-Earth-Bration Budget Items
    - a. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveaways (prizes) Rosanne Zagatta Budget \$350; Ordered Spent \$290.76
    - b. T-Shirts – Maureen
    - c. Pizza – Maureen
    - d. Ad – Hawthorne Press
    - e. Vendors – Rizzo Reptiles & Mad Science
  - k. Photographer
  - l. Special Invitations – Rosanne will communicate to BOE, Mayor, and Council members; Invites are Sent
  - m. Thank You Poster – Need to Make a Poster - Mike Mariani
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Hawthorne Christian Academy Student Council Representatives – Evelyn Park and Albert Bower – Presented to Commission – Fundraising project for installing a Potable Well in South Africa - \$10,000; Request to have a car wash at the Hawthorne Gospel Church on Rt 208 using biodegradable soap; - Chair explained to the students Borough of Hawthorne has a stormwater permit regulated from NJDEP; Refer students to discuss with Borough Administrator to determine if this is allowed under the Borough’s stormwater permit; Conclusion: Eric communicated to the students that the Borough’s Stormwater permit and ordinances prohibit car washing at non-residential homes; **ONLY** residential homeowners are allowed to wash their vehicles at their house.

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
April 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**