



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes – May 23, 2016

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Carol Roberston, Mary Mahon, Yvonne Humphries, Jack Systma, and Patty Elwood

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 05-23-2016:

- a. Review March 28, 2016 Green Team minutes - Approved; April 25, 2016 cancelled meeting
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. **Community Garden – 3rd Grand Opening Date – Date Saturday June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am;** Pollinator Plants – will be discussed at the 3rd Grand Opening by Carol Robertson; Publicity - Press Release, Flyer for Channel 77 and Borough Website, Facebook pages; Pat MacDonnell will prepare the Press Release and Rayna will distribute. Flo’s market – Light refreshments will be provided
 - ii. Concerns about Weeds in community garden – 2 garden beds covered in weeds; Pat sent an initial e-mail to all gardeners about the issue; Pat will follow up with the 2 gardeners that must weed prior to the Grand Opening on Saturday June 4, 2016
 - iii. Purchase Hay bales for garden; Discussed the hay bales vs. mulch/wood chips; Team decided that mulch/wood chips would work better; 2 to 3 inches layer; All weeds must be removed prior to the installation of the mulch/wood chips. Will re-evaluate the weed issue at the Grand Opening June 4, 2016.
 - iv. **Green Lecture**– May 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Native Plants” – 24 attendees
 - v. **Green Lecture** – June 9, 2016 Save Money, Time, and Water with Home Gardening” Will be re-titled “Creating a Water Wise Landscape” – Amy Rowe at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library; Publicity – Press Release, Flyer for Channel 77, Borough Website, Facebook pages; Rayna will prepare the information.
- c. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 13, 2016
 - i. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses
 1. Green Business Discussion about owner, MVS – 1086 Goffle Road, installing solar panels on building. Tenant is a communication company; Rayna investigated and reported back to the team that the tenant, business, is not a Green Business; Rayna proposed Learning Tree Preschool – Green Business; worked with the Green Team/Env Com, installed a rain garden at the previous school; Recently moved business to a Church; Children are learning about vegetable gardening; created raised beds for a vegetable garden; promoting environmental educational to the students of the pre-school; Rayna will notify

- the owners of the Learning Tree Preschool about the Green Business Award.
 - 2. Citizens – Rayna will notify Barbara McGuirk, Ed McGuirk, Carol Robertson, Yvonne Humphries, and Mary Mahon will notify Sharon Abood
 - ii. School Application for Use of the HHS to BOE - Complete
 - iii. Special Invitations – Mayor, Council, and BOE members - Complete
 - iv. Letters to Teachers - Complete
 - v. Cell-Earth-Bration Powerpoint Presentation – Rayna
 - vi. Certification – Signature of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor; Pat dropped off signatures for signature of the Mayor (Tuesday May 17, 2016); Rayna will follow-up on the status of the signing of the certificates
- d. Sustainable Jersey – Re-Certification– Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016;
 - i. ***Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – Sunday June 5, 2016;***
 - ii. All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference
- e. Sustainable Jersey 2015-2016 Action – Assign Action Plan Summary - Update
 - i. Carol prepared the update to the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign Action Plan – Completed
 - ii. Yvonne prepared the update to the Environmental Commission Action Plan - Completed
 - iii. Rayna prepared the updates for the following: Completed
 - 1. Green Team
 - 2. Energy Education & Outreach
 - 3. Community Education and Outreach
 - 4. “Hold” Green Fair
 - 5. “Green” Green Fair
 - 6. Anti-Idling – Need to include a statement about enforcement from Police and Code Enforcement
 - 7. Green Business Recognition Program
 - 8. Buy Local Programs
 - 9. “Support” Buy Local Programs
 - 10. Community Garden
 - 11. Community Asset Mapping – Included Boys & Girls Club Local Business Map
 - 12. Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal
 - 13. Bulky Rigid Plastics
 - 14. Carpet & Foam Padding
 - 15. Community Paper Shredding Day
 - 16. Recycling Depot
 - 17. Backyard Composting Program
 - iv. Rosanne will update the Education for Sustainability Action Plan - Completed
 - v. Robert will update the Farmer’s Market and Accessible Farmer’s Market Action Plans - Completed
 - vi. Paul Giardino will update the Community Forestry Plan & Tree Cover Goal and Tree Maintenance Program Action Plans; Still waiting for information from Paul; Rayna will follow-up
 - vii. Action Plans to be Written
 - 1. Environmental Commission Site Plan Review - Rayna
 - 2. Recycling Education/Enforcement - Rayna
 - 3. Monarch Butterfly – Innovation Project #3 – Rayna with Barbara McGuirk to review

4. Municipal Communications Strategy – Rayna will follow-up with Lori –Borough Clerk
 5. Digitizing Public Information – Rayna will follow-up with Lori – Borough Clerk
 - viii. Supporting Documentation – Make PDFs – Rayna
- f. Anti-Idling Tagging Day – Hand out Mock Anti-Idling Tickets to motorists on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Corner of Warburten Avenue and Lafayette Avenue; Issued a total of 270 tickets
 - i. 11:00 to 12:00 pm – Rayna, Pat, and Robert M
 - ii. 12:00 to 1:00 pm – Rayna, Rosanne, and Carol
 - g. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Awarded \$2,000 April 2016 – Native Plant Innovation Project
 - i. Created a Native Plant Sub-Committee – Rayna, Mary, Carol, Pat, Yvonne, Patty, Barbara and Ed McGuirk
 - ii. Scheduled a kick off meeting of the Sub Committee on Monday June 6, 2016 at 7:30 Pat MacDonnell house
 - iii. Assignment Team Scope out sites located on Goffle Road, Lafayette Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue
 - iv. Assignment – Carol and Yvonne prepare a list of native plants with pictures as a guide to illustrate the types of native plants that may be used at the selected sites; Creating a Booklet/Pamphlet
 - v. Potential Chamber Member Locations: Assign members to investigate
 1. Magic Carousel, - Patty
 2. Bottagra, - Carol
 3. Signature Kitchens,- Pat
 4. Stewarts Deli, - Mary
 5. Roman Academy - Pat
 6. Paul’s Motor - Mary
 7. Hawthorne Center Laundromat – Patty
 8. Tastee Pizza – Mary
 9. Justin’s - Patty
 - vi. Potential Borough Owned Property Locations
 1. Borough Hall – Carol
 2. DPW Water Department Goffle Road – Mary
 3. Snack Stand – Wagaraw Road – Carol
 - vii. Joe Meltzer – installed the sprinkler head in the monarch butterfly garden. Estimate \$100 for the work conducted by the contractor
 - h. ANJEC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANTS FOR OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS – Deadline is April 1, 2016 by 4:30 pm - Hawthorne was not awarded the ANJEC 2016 grant; received e-mail notification from ANJEC
 - i. Buy Local Campaign – Partnership with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce – Month of July 2016; Working on the Bee Local Shopping Campaign
 - j. Open Discussions: None

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 Meeting: June 27, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library