



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes – June 27, 2016

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Patty Elwood, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Pat MacDonnell

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 06-27-2016:

- a. Review May 23, 2016 Green Team minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden
 - i. Community Garden – 3rd Grand Opening Date – Date Saturday June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am
 - ii. Garden Bed Available – 4 x 12
 - iii. Mulch Status Update – Rayna will contact Bob Scully
 - iv. Green Lecture – June 9, 2016 “Creating a Water Wise Landscape” – Amy Rowe at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library – 24 attended the lecture; went very well
- c. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 13, 2016 – Went very well and was well attended
- d. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification– Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016; Borough of Hawthorne submitted re-certification application; waiting for initial review of actions
 - i. Sustainable Jersey 2015-2016 Action – Assign Action Plan Summary – Update - Complete
 - ii. Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – Sunday June 5, 2016;
 - iii. All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference
- e. 2016 Sustainable Jersey Summit
 - i. Gold Star in Energy and Gold Star in Waste Announced – January 2017 – Rayna discussed the new Gold Star program
 - ii. Solar Challenge Grant Program Application Available July 8, 2016; Deadline August 15, 2016; Discussed and reviewed
 - iii. New Jersey Sustainable Business Registry “Green Business Program” – Discussed and reviewed
- f. NJDEP and NJBPU Grant Program “It Pays To Plug In.” Announced June 15, 2016 – Discussed and reviewed; Will communicate to the Borough
 - i. The first phase of the program offers \$725,000 in reimbursement grants to employers to offset some of the costs to purchase and install the stations, while also encouraging employees to ultimately purchase and drive electric vehicles to work.
 - ii. Reimbursement grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis of up to \$250 for each Level 1 charging station installed, and up to \$5,000 for each Level 2 charging station installed. Level 2 stations provide more

mileage range for electric vehicles than Level 1 stations. Eligible employers include public, private, for-profit, nonprofit, educational and governmental entities. Owners of parking facilities used by commuters or employees of other companies are also eligible.

- iii. To learn more about the “It Pays To Plug In” grant reimbursement program, including eligibility criteria, visit: www.drivegreen.nj.gov/programs.html

- g. Buy Local Campaign – Partnership with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce – Month of July 2016;
 - i. New Character “BEE Local, BEE Hawthorne” Find the Hawthorne BEE!
 - ii. List of Participants – 23 locations
 - iii. Marc Molenaro Designs – Designed the Hawthorne BEE!, Printing Posters, Passports, Window Decals and the Standees
 - iv. Distribution of Posters, Passports, Window Decals, and Standees – Need Volunteers
 - 1. Verbally asks the store staff to display the passports on the counter. This way, people will see them and might be prompted to ask about them and participate.
 - 2. If the stores want to give them their prizes now, that is fine, but I doubt they will be ready.
 - v. Publicity – Press Releases, Borough Website, Channel 77, Facebook – Rayna prepared and distributed the publicity
- h. 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 - Completed
 - 1. Sub-Committee members met on June 6, 2016 (Rayna, Yvonne, Patty, Mary, Carol, Pat, Barbara, and Ed)
 - iii. Potential Chamber Member Locations: Assigned members to investigate; Team decided to ask initially Paul’s Motor, Magic Carousel, and Roman Academy; Confirmed the bold businesses interested in working with the Green Team
 - a. **Magic Carousel, - Patty – Will re-measure the length and width of the plant area**
 - b. Bottagra, - Carol – Not interested
 - c. Signature Kitchens, - Pat
 - d. Stewarts Deli, - Mary
 - e. Roman Academy - Pat – not interested
 - f. **Paul’s Motor – Mary – Interested – large pot 19 x 21; suggestion elder berry**
 - g. Hawthorne Center Laundromat – Patty
 - h. Tastee Pizza – Mary
 - i. Justin’s – Patty – Not interested
 - j. Sprinklers – No room available
 - k. **Puzo’s – Interested – spotted geranium; phlox – creeping (early summer)**
 - l. Mr. Cupcakes
 - m. Henry’s Plumbing
 - 2. Potential Borough Owned Property Locations – Conduct Field Trips; Confirmed the bold borough owned property interested in working with the Green Team

- a. **Borough Hall – Carol – suggestion outside Mayor’s window – winterberry holly male (1) and females (2)**
 - b. DPW Water Department Goffle Road – Mary
 - c. Snack Stand – Wagaraw Road – Carol
 - d. Hawthorne Pool Area/Walkway
 - e. **Hawthorne Bandshell – Rayna will contact Administration/Mayor**
 - f. (3) houses on Wagaraw and Passaic Avenue – Purchased by the Borough from Blue Acre funds
 - g. Hawthorne Ambulance Corp
- 3. Next Steps: Identified locations, ask permission, create a list of native plants that are suitable for each area - Complete
 - 4. Next Steps: Work with Borough Administration with the identified Borough owned locations and Chamber business that have been selected for the native plant project
- 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 with Table of Contents - Completed
 - v. Joe Meltzer – installed the sprinkler head in the monarch butterfly garden. Estimate \$100 for the work conducted by the contractor – Waiting for invoice to process payment
 - vi. Publicity – Local newspapers highlight each business/borough owned property
- i. 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: July 25, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**