



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: September 24, 2012

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Sue Balik, Paula Tutein, Helga Ismey, Stephanie Hill, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, and Pat Hutzelman

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 09-24-2012:

- a. Review August's minutes - Approved
- b. 2012 Projects
 - i. Anti-Idling Phase II – Fall Tagging Date
 1. Sunday October 21, 2012 at the Farmer's Market
 2. Saturday November 17, 2012 Warburten/Lafayette Avenue
 - ii. Green Fair – Overall a good positive event. Need to get the photographs from Mike Mariani.
 1. Improvements
 - a. Name Tags for Commissioners and Green Team members
 - b. Increase number of Garbage and Recycling Containers
 - c. Need two (2) Posters for the Schedule of Events to communicate to participants
 2. Potential Rain Garden Project – Partnership with Girls Scouts, Learning Tree and the Green Team to create a rain garden at the Learning Tree's facility. Diane will make a request to her landlord about the rain garden.
 3. Green Map – Mr. Mooney, Superintendent of Schools, requested a framed Green Map for each school. Mary will contact Mike about the pricing for the posters (5 large posters and 2 11 x 17 posters).
 - iii. Sustainability Website and create a Facebook Page – Stephanie will work on both sites.
 - iv. Chamber of Commerce and Borough of Hawthorne Christmas Lighting – Buy Local Campaign Kickoff for Christmas – Friday November 30, 2012
- c. Hawthorne Day Saturday October 6, 2012 (rain date Sunday October 7, 2012)
 - i. Environmental Awareness Survey
 - ii. Anti-Idling
 - iii. Water Conservation
 - iv. Hawthorne Green Map
 - v. Green Awareness Pins
 - vi. Need volunteers for 2 hour slots – Stephanie will send an e-mail to all Commissioners and Green Team members for participation

- vii. Rosanne will try to reach Hailea student who made a Wheel at the 2010 Cel-Earth-Bration's event.
- d. ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award 2012 application – Green Map project
 - i. ANJEC Annual Congress Saturday 20, 2012 at 9:00 to 4:30 pm Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ – Send e-mail to team members about the program.
- e. Mid-point Review of Green Team projects
 - i. Successful events – Build a Rain Barrel, Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt, Green Map project, Green Fair, etc.
 - ii. Future Projects for Green Team
 - 1. Increase Recycling Education to residents and businesses – Paula will contact Ellen (DPW) to participate at the next's meeting to discuss Hawthorne's recycling program. Also, Paula will inquire about Plastics 1 through 7 if they can be picked up at the curb from residents in addition to the Recycling Center. In addition, Rayna will request the 2010 and 2011 Annual Recycling Reports submitted to NJ Department of Environmental Protection.
 - 2. Pesticide Free – Sue Balik
 - 3. Community Garden – Cindy Frank – Will contact the Tax Assessor Office to identify Borough of Hawthorne's ownership.
- f. Open Discussions:
 - i. International Walk to School Day Wednesday October 3, 2012 – Sue will prepare an article for the Press and the Gazette. Hazel will post on the Hawthorne Families Community Facebook page. Green Team encourages students to walk to school day.

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: October 22, 2012 at 7:30 pm
at the Hawthorne Library**