



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: January 26, 2016

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Roberston, Robert Meier, Barbara McGuirk, Ed McGuirk, and Maureen Cook

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 01-26-2016:

- a. Review December's 10, 2015 Environmental Commission/Green Team minutes – Reviewed and Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. 2016 Community Garden Season – Idea Request/Suggest that each of the gardeners plant a row of Pollinator plants; Green Team would create a list of plants for the gardeners
 - ii. One (1) 4 x 8 Raised Bed is available. Rayna will send an e-mail to interested residents that expressed an interest at the Green Fair and Hawthorne Day. Will prepare a press release for the Hawthorne Press
 - iii. Updated Rules & Regulations and Application Form –
 - iv. City Green Dig In Grant Program – 2016 Spring Cycle; Deadline February 12, 2016 – Eligible for \$500 grant fund; Discussed and team agreed not to submit a grant application this year
- c. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – On-line Application Deadline Midnight Sunday February 7, 2016; Rayna and Barbara are working on the grant proposal. Rayna will prepare and submit the Resolution for Council's approval.
- d. Sustainable Jersey – Re-Certification– Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016;
 - i. Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – June 5, 2016; All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference.
 - ii. Discuss/Update 2015-2016 Action Plan – Assign Action Plan summary write-ups
- e. Fair Lawn Green Fair Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Community Center (set-up at 5:30 pm) – Rain Date: March 10, 2016.
- f. Open Discussions:
 - i. Butterfly Garden – DPW plowed the snow onto the snow fence that was installed by Ed McGuirk; concerned about the plant damage; Rayna will contact Monica Smith, Director of the Library, to discuss our concerns
 - ii. Cel-Earth-Bratton – April 9, 2016; Maureen and Rayna discussed the 2016 cel-earth-bratton budget for the event. Maureen is working with Eric on the Borough's budget responsibility for cel-earth-bratton. Maureen will keep Rayna informed on the status of the cel-earth-bratton budget. Discussed two-sided Cel-Earth-Bratton signs – Mike Mariani

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: March 28, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**