



**Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: November 30, 2015**

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Hazel Pinos, Robert Meier, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Barbara McGuirk, Ed McGuirk, Rosanne Zagatta, Yvonne Humphries, and Jack Systema,

**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 11-30-2015:**

- a. Review Environmental Commission/Green Team Joint meeting minutes - September 17, 2015 and October 5, 2015 - Approved
- b. 2016 Green Team Meeting Dates – Hawthorne Library at 7:30 pm – Reviewed and Approved

January 25, 2016
February 22, 2016
March 28, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016
August 22, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 28, 2016
December 8, 2016

- c. Community Garden Discussion
  - i. Harvest Celebration – Hawthorne Ambulance Corp Building Saturday October 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm – It very well.
  - ii. City Green Final Grant Report Due – October 30, 2015 - Submitted
  - iii. Clean Out Garden Beds – By Thanksgiving weekend – All beds are cleaned out per Jack Systema.
  - iv. 2016 Rule – Discussion – Excess Food grown at the garden; discussed options on how to address excess food (Father English, Carol Chamberlain)
- d. Holiday Buy Local Campaign
  - i. Distribution of Holiday Posters – A total of 82 businesses – Chamber of Commerce and Green Team members will distribute
  - ii. Publicity – Channel 77, Chamber’s website, Borough’s website, - Rayna will submit the documents
  - iii. Press Releases: Hawthorne Press and Gazette – Rayna will submit it
  - iv. Advertisement – Hawthorne Press – Rayna will submit ad
  - v. Facebook Selfies #shopHawthorneNJ
- e. Open Discussions: No additional topics discussed

## **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 Joint Environmental Commission/Green Team:  
December 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**