



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: February 22, 2016

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Carol Roberston, Molly Sher, Mary Mahon, Barbara McGuick, Ed McGuick, Yvonne Hummeries, and Ellen Brogno

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 02-22-2016:

- a. Review January 26, 2016 Green Team minutes - 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. – One (1) application received by the deadline February 12, 2016- Marc Molenaro;
- c. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – On-line Application Deadline Midnight Sunday February 7, 2016; Filed grant application on Saturday February 6, 2016.
- d. ANJEC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANTS FOR OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS – Carol Robertson reviewed and prepared the grant application based on the Sustainable Jersey grant application submitted on February 6, 2016; Rayna will review the document; Deadline is April 1, 2016
- e. 24th Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
 - i. Theme “Green Living”
 - ii. School Application – BOE – Rosanne submitted – Room 120, cafeteria, auditorium, and classrooms
 - iii. Discussion – A Learning Experience Interactive Stations – “Learning Centers”
 1. Bird teaching in classroom – Barbara McGuirk; Mary Mahon will put together a craft project on the topic of birds for the kids (coloring books; hummingbird nest, etc.)
 2. Kids to Kids Program – Scott Chrimel – Food Web, Water, Recycling, Anti-Idling
 - iv. Recycling Contest – “Giving Living”; Rosanne will prepare and submit letters to the Teachers
 1. Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses; need donation letter; Rayna will prepare letter and send to members
 - v. Winners – Display at the Hawthorne Library – Approved
 - vi. Potential Vendors/Entertainment
 1. Rizzo’s Reptile – Booked
 2. Mad Science Discussion – Rayna will follow-up with Maureen about the budget
 3. Facepainting/Tattoos – Rosanne will purchase items;
 4. Craft Workshop – Mary Mahon

5. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Ellen will reach out to the Shadetree about their participation
 6. Flo’s Market – Rayna will follow-up with Flo (Ellen)
 7. Dirt Cake – Scott Chrimel
 8. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bration
 - vii. Trashion Show – Expand to designing bags, hats, jewelry as well as designing clothing – Discussed to move Trashion concept into the Green Living project; Will not hold Trashion Show this year
 - viii. Publicity/Press Release/Ads
 1. Channel 77
 2. Nextel Alerts
 3. Hawthorne Press/Gazette
 4. Borough Website
 5. Facebook pages
 6. Signs – Doubled sided wording; Mike is working wth Marc Molenaro
 - ix. Budget – Rosanne Zagatta \$350
- f. 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
- g. Open Discussions:
- i. Butterfly Garden - Rayna discussed the monarch butterfly concerns about the recent snow storm with Monica Smith. Monica was going to have a conversation with DPW about how to prevent the snow being plowed onto the monarch butterfly garden. DPW communicated to their employees on how to plow the Library driveway to avoid the garden. Work orders have been entered into the Borough’s DPW system.

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**