



**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
445 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY 07506  
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**January 10, 2012 Meeting notes**

Start Time: 7:30PM  
End Time: 10:30PM

Attendance:

- Commissioner Pieter Slump (PSL) – yes
- Commissioner John Terry (JT) - yes
- Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes
- Commissioner Phil Savoie (PS) – yes
- Commissioner Dave Sailer (DS) - yes
- Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – no
- Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no
- Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – no
- Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – no

PSL Motion to open January 2012 HSTC meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

**1. Public session if needed.**

PSL motion to open public portion of meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

Paul Giardino – 136 Grand Ave – happy with tree planting in front of his house and by his neighbors.

PSL motion to close public portion of meeting, PS seconded, approved unanimously.

**2. New items**

- A. Election of officers. *PS motion to appoint PSL as chairperson, JT seconded. RH, PS, DS, JT approved, PSL abstained. PS motion to appoint DS as vice-chairperson, JT seconded. RH, PS, JT, PSL approved, DS abstained.*
- B. Discussion regarding new commissioners. *Tom Dwyer – RH will contact.*
- C. Brainstorming re. priorities and activities for 2012.

1. *Arbor Day.*
  2. *Cel-Earth-Bration – 20<sup>th</sup> year of Cel-Earth-Bration*
  3. *Hawthorne Day*
  4. *Sidewalk repairs should be made where trees have damaged the sidewalk, as part of the annual road/infrastructure project.*
  5. *Develop and implement town-wide pruning plan.*
  6. *Improve contact, information flow, and working relationship with DPW. Perhaps get a person from the administration to come to our monthly meetings?*
- D. *Review of meeting with Eric Maurer re. broken trees from Halloween 2011 snowstorm. Eric would like the HSTC to develop a list of what trees need work.*
- E. *CTE bid update. Discussion, will be discussed further over the next week among the commissioners.*

### **3. Review of December 2011 Meeting notes.**

*PSL Motion to approve December 2011 meeting notes, JT seconded, unanimous approval.*

### **4. Budget review.**

A. *2012 Budget discussion. We asked for extra money for small and medium tree pruning for the plantings that have been done since 2006 (roughly 1000 trees). Should we put out a pruning bid for this work to be done November / December 2012? DS requested updated budget documents from Finance, but there has been no change since the end of the year so no documents were printed.*

*We need to have 2 DPW employees go to the Rutgers pruning class.*

### **5. OLD ITEMS / Mention only:**

A. *Arbor Day 2011 planting at 8-acre Woods – deer damage to 3 young trees. DS put plastic irrigation tubing around the two lilac trees. Are we going to replant the space tree? PS will try to get a replacement space tree.*

B. *Tree removal request – 129 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, forwarded to Steve Schuckman for inspection. Do we have any information what the determination was?*

C. *Results of 2011 Fall planting with Tode. \$1500 retainage held from final payment.*

D. *3<sup>rd</sup> CFMP – PS to give several items to Paul so that he can complete the CFMP. Status update. PS will take care of this soon.*

E. 15 Cathy Ave – give permission for resident to hire outside contractor to trim limb? We will ask the DPW to take care of this.

F. Independent HSTC website. Develop a list of 12 monthly tree-related actions (January – prune trees and shrubs, February – protect bark from sunscald, etc)? Review poster from US Dept of Agriculture that has some good ideas.

Priorities: PR, News, Rules / borough code, Photo gallery, history, cross-marketing with “Friends of Trees” group, sidewalk diagram, educational links (Arbor Day Foundation)

Goals: Get positive PR, increase public awareness.

G. 42 Horton – large white oak in fair condition, suffering from wet wood and as a result has bad-smelling sap oozing out. Has resident been contacted? *PSL to write letter.*

H. Format for residents to arrange for tree planting on borough ROW’s. PSL to work on.

I. Road re-building specifications – we need to get wording into the specs that will protect town trees.

*PSL motion to close, DS seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.*

TIME ENDED: 10:30PM