



**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**January 8, 2013**

Start Time: 4:30PM

End Time: 6:00PM

### **Attendance:**

Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes  
Commissioner Tom Dwyer (TD) – yes  
Commissioner Paul Giardino (PG) –yes  
Commissioner Brian VanHook (BV) - yes  
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no  
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – no  
Contracted Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – no  
DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) – yes  
HSTC Secretary Gina Brown (GB) - yes

Motion to open January 2013 HSTC meeting made by RH, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

### **1. Public session if needed.**

*No public in attendance.*

### **2. New Items**

A. Annual reorganization; Election of Officers. *RH made a motion to appoint Paul Giardino as Chairperson, BV seconded. Approved unanimously. PG made a motion to appoint Tom Dwyer as Vice-Chairpeson, BV seconded. Approved unanimously.*

B. New Commissioner Brian Van Hook. *HSTC welcomed Brian.*

C. Fall Planting – *Tode Landscaping planted 39 trees and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave planted 16 trees. All planting requests prior to Sept 30 have been fulfilled. JC mentioned that 15 removals and 20 prunings are back-logged due to budget restrictions however this will be rectified very soon.*

D. TreeFiles Update: *The laptop purchased for clerical use (with TreeFiles and other important HSTC files) should be coming in later this month.*

E. Arbor Day 2013 – April 26. *Brainstormed ideas for location and event planning. \$2,500 was granted to Tode for the Arbor Day planting. Possible locations to be considered, Pool grounds, Washington School, location between Ambulance and Rescue Squad on Goffle Road, Kohler area of Wagaraw, or Wag ball fields. The members agreed to look around this month for location and discuss next meeting. We need to invite the State Forester, Jack Shurt to this event. Run ads in press two weeks prior. Flyers to schools.*

F. Cel-Earth-Bratation for Earth Day, in April. Mention only. *Rick Hockenberry offered to supply the tree, which we will raffle off at this event.*

G. Advertising in Hawthorne Press. *Topics for monthly ads were discussed. GB to work on.*

### **3. Review of December 2012 Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion to approve the December 2012 Meeting minutes was made by RH, seconded by PG, unanimous approval.*

### **4. Budget Review:**

*2013 budget not yet approved.*

### **5. Old Items: / Mention only:**

A. 8-acre Woods Clean up Saturday December 8 with Girl Scouts. Final Report.

B. Develop and implement town-wide pruning and high-priority removal plan. PG working on.

C. CFMP – Approved by Community Forestry in Trenton.

D. Update HSTC contact list. *GB to work on.*

E. Parking at Franklin Field / San Guiseppe Way. Emergency access and handicapped access are required. Handicapped parking signs need to be put in up near the field.

*BV made motion to close, RH seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.*

TIME ENDED: 6:00 pm