

Hawthorne Green Idea Committee Minutes June 15, 2009

Attendees: Fred Criscitelli, Sarah Kiefer, Rayna Laiosa, Patricia Hutzelman, Meaghan Tuohey-Kay, Christina Auger

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources (vision statement?)
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification

Topics Discussed at Meeting

Continued brainstorming the environmental practices that Hawthorne is committed to.

- Education with school system, town residents
- recycled paper for printing purposes
- cloth or plastic reusable shopping bags
- protect and preserve the groundwater
- Encourage sustainable building materials, energy efficient appliances, sealing and caulking windows, insulation of attic
- Implement Sustainable practices – Lifestyle daily changes – unplug appliances, switch lights off, setting thermostat
- Reduce solid waste and increase recycling materials (*state the recycling items that Hawthorne recycles*)

Need to get percentage of recycling rates in Hawthorne (*will be done by Christina*)

- Goals : increase rates

Enforcement of recycling

- Best Practices for Businesses
- Ways to Save Money by Going Green
- Recycling plastic grocery bags – Shoprite & A&P

Christina and Rayna informed the group of our involvement with New Jersey Clean Energy grant to obtain an energy audit (Hawthorne will have priority action due to our registration with the Sustainable Jersey program). Team is concern with the price of the energy audit due to limited funding in the 2009 Hawthorne Municipality budget.

Team discussed the town's Streetscape Grant for Mr. Post's property which is located at the corner of Diamond Bridge and Lafayette Avenues. Town will create a park-like setting-lightening, etc.

Meaghan Tuohey-Kay – Farmer's Market Opens June 28, 2009 at 9:00 am. We are all invited to the ribbon cutting to open the Farmer's market.

Christina will work on our Vision Statement

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 July 20th, 2009 at Louis Bay 2nd Library, 7:30pm