



**Joint Meeting
Environmental Commission and Green Team - Minutes
December 12, 2013**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Mike Mariani, Pat Hutzelman and Hazel Pinos
Guests: Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, and Paula Tutuein

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission and Green Team Minutes –November 2013
Motion by: Mike Mariani, Second by: Pat Hutzelman

- II. Schedule of 2014 Environmental Commission Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, Municipal Building – Discussed and approved 2014 meeting dates.
 - a. January 9, 2014
 - b. February 13, 2014
 - c. March 13, 2014
 - d. April 24, 2014 (Cel-Earth-Bratton April 26, 2014) – Lincoln Middle School
 - e. May 8, 2014
 - f. June 9, 2014 (Annual June Environmental Program)
 - g. July 10, 2014
 - h. August 14, 2014
 - i. September 11, 2014
 - j. October 9, 2014
 - k. November 13, 2014
 - l. December 11, 2014

- III. Schedule of 2014 Green Team Meetings – Need to Complete and Submit Library Conference Room Application - Discussed and approved 2014 meeting dates.
 - a. January 27, 2014
 - b. February 24, 2014
 - c. March 24, 2014
 - d. April 28, 2014
 - e. May 19, 2014
 - f. June 23, 2014
 - g. July 21, 2014
 - h. August 25, 2014
 - i. September 22, 2014
 - j. October 27, 2014
 - k. November 24, 2014
 - l. December 11, 2014Next Step: Mary Mahon will prepare and submit the Green Team Meeting Dates to the Library for approval.

- IV. Sustainable Jersey Program – Borough of Hawthorne – Achieved Silver Level! – Presentation of Pins – Mike Mariani, Erick Pinos, Hazel Pinos, and Paula Tutein was recognized for their contributions in achieving our Silver Level

- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 - i. Establish a community garden open to Hawthorne residents in 2014
 - ii. Land adjacent to First Aid Station on Goffle Brook Road - Agreed
 - iii. Pat MacDonnell – Prepared proposed Community Garden rules, Release/Waiver, and Sign Up Registration forms – Team reviewed and approved the rules, waiver, and sign up registration forms.
 - 1. Community Garden Fees – Discussed and agreed by the Team. See Garden Fules
 - iv. Size of garden area proposed is either 30 x 40 or 30 x 50 – to be determined – Team agreed 30 x 50 community garden.
 - v. Beds will be raised and constructed by (3 x 6 11 inch high; or 4 x 8 16 ½ inch high)? Using recycled/repurposed materials. – Team agreed 4 x 8 recycled raised garden beds.
 - vi. Fence will be installed around entire community garden site - Yes
 - vii. Water will be provided by Town of Hawthorne to participating members of the garden – Yes
 - viii. Mulch can be potentially donated by Downs Tree Service
 - ix. Land can potentially cleared by Hawthorne DPW???And at the end of the growing/harvesting season – readied for next year’s planting
 - x. Approximately 15 beds will be available for use in this garden the first year – Confirmed 15 beds for the 2014 season
 - xi. Looking for help from maybe Eagle Scouts, or town organizations, community businesses; Potential City Green Organization
 - xii. Decide on how the beds will be assigned, first come or by lottery
 - xiii. Community Garden Proposal Package - Rayna prepared the Community Garden proposal for the Borough of Hawthorne – Discussed and reviewed by the team. Mike Mariani will review the final proposal document after Rayna incorporates the comments. Once Mike reviews the final proposal, Rayna will submit to the Borough Administrator and Mayor for review and approval of the project. The proposal was sent on Sunday December 15, 2013.
 - b. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Distribution of Posters to Chamber Members – Complete – Displayed in the windows of Chamber Businesses
 - c. Holiday Float Theme “Silver Certification: Silver Bells– Saturday December 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm – Hazel Pinos – Excellent Job!!!! Huge Success!
 - d. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday January 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- VI. Report from Planning Board
 - a. Application of John Hryncewich – 53 Braen Avenue & 7 Sotnick Street – Subdivision Plan – Hearing Tuesday November 26, 2013 at 7:30 pm Moved to December 17, 2013; Environmental Commission submitted comments to Board Attorney dated November 7, 2013 – Discussed application with the Team.
- VII. Report from Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. Christian Health Care Center – Monday December 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm; Environmental Commission asked several questions of the Stormwater Management Plan and Steep Slope; - Discussed application with the Team.

- i. Next Meeting Monday January 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm;
- ii. Site Visit of the Proposed Project Saturday January 18, 2013 at 10:00 am
– meeting in the Mountain Avenue Parking Lot of CHCC

VIII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps

- a. Community Forestry & Its Impact on You Workshop Thursday November 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm; Paula Tutein attended the workshop – Overall, it was a good workshop. PSE&G presented “Right Tree Right Place” discussion.
- b. Proposed Assembly Bill A-2641 – The Stormwater Utility bill (A2641/ S1557) is up for consideration at the State Senate Budget Committee on Thursday Dec. 5 at 1 PM. Bill is titled “Authorizes creation of stormwater utilities for certain local government entities” This bill allows for municipalities with combined sewers to set up utilities to fund stormwater projects. ANJEC will be going to testify in favor. – Commission will review and monitor the Bill.

Next Meeting January 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building