



**Environmental Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
July 10, 2014**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, and Pat Hutzelman

Guests: Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Molly Sher, and Chris Cooper

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –May 8 and 29, 2014 and June 9, 2014  
Motion by: Robert Meier, Second by: Pat Hutzelman
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – January through May 2014 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Annual June Environmental Program – It went well. Overall good program
- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    - i. City Green Dig In! Community Garden Sign – Mike Mariani
    - ii. Gardener Meeting Saturday June 28, 2014
    - iii. Green Lecture June 17, 2014 – Vegetable Gardening conducted by City Green
    - iv. Green Lecture August – Pest Management conducted by City Green; Rayna sent dates in August to City Green and is waiting for response
  - b. Next Green Team Meeting July 28, 2014**
- V. Hawthorne Farmer’s Market – July 13 and August 10, 2014
  - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Table
  - b. Interaction with residents on the Community Garden, Rain Garden, Green Fair, Upcoming BINGO Buy Local Campaign
  - c. July 13, 2014 – Volunteers – Rayna, Hazel, Paula, Pat, and Molly
  - d. Need volunteers for August 10, 2014 – Pat Hutzelman
- VI. Buy Local Campaign – Hawthorne Bookstore BINGO! August 1 to August 22, 2014
  - a. Local Business Participants
  - b. Press Release and Advertisement – Rayna is preparing the press release and working with printer for the Bingo card and ad
- VII. Green Fair – Sunday September 21, 2014 (rain date Sunday September 28, 2014) – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - i. Men of Horse Band – Mike Mariani
  - ii. Discuss Potential Vendors
    1. Pandora Healing - Booked
    2. City Green
    3. Amy Rowe – Rutgers Cooperative
    4. Elaine Bloomingdale Planner – native plants
    5. Passaic County Open Space Kathleen
    6. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Ellen

7. Green Sky Industries
  8. Well Read Bookstore
  9. Shotmeyer Bros Fuel Co. – Solar Project and Green Initiatives at Shotmeyer.
  10. Learning Tree
  11. Habitat for Humanity – Wayne Re-Use –Lucille
  12. Goffle Brook Farm – Donna
  13. Passaic County 4-H Club
  14. Rocky’s Pet Pantry.
  15. Knead-U-Need –
  16. Rain Garden Demonstration
  17. Environmental Commission/Green Team
  18. Paul’s Volvo – Mary Mahon will contact Volvo
  19. Nissan in Hawthorne – Hybrid or Electric Vehicle
  20. Composting Demonstration – Mary Mahon
  21. Hawthorne Garden Club – Booked
  22. Boy Scouts Troop 93 – Molly will contact Troop Leader
  23. Girl Scouts – Molly will contact Troop Leader
- iii. Food Vendors
    1. Flo’s Market – Confirmed (suggestions – hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and/or fruit kabobs)
    2. Cuban Flavor
    3. Lincoln Grill
  - iv. Community Garden – Tri-Fold Display for table – Pat MacDonnell
  - v. Tables and Chairs for event – Bob Maggio – Back-Up St. Anthony’s Church; Back-up – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Charlene - tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
  - vi. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair”
- VIII. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 27, 2014; Set-up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Event is from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Rayna needs to complete our application
- IX. ANJEC Congress – Friday October 24, 2014 Raritan Community College
- a. Workshop – “Profiles in Environmental Leadership” – Will contact Vice-Chair is available to fill in for Rayna
- X. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
- a. Christian Health Care Center –Monday June 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm; Hawthorne Environmental Commission presented our comments dated April 8, 2014 – Overall it went well. CHCC must submit a Dam hazard classification for the retention basin to NJDEP.
- XI. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Rain Garden – Plant cone flowers in the areas that the previous cone flowers died. Mary Mahon will get the cone flowers from Robert Meier’s garden/yard.

**Next Meeting August 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**