



Environmental Commission Minutes August 15, 2013

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, Robert Maggio, Robert Meier, Pat Hutzelman, and Hazel Pinos

Guests: Chris Cooper and Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes – May, June, and July’s 2013
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Robert Meier

- II. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Rain Garden Implementation - Saturday August 17, 2013 at 8:30 am at Hawthorne Library – Need Volunteers – Bob Maggio, Robert Meier, Chris Cooper
 - i. Need shovels, rakes, wheel barrels, and work gloves
 - ii. Water bottles, watering can for plants, and tape measure
 - iii. Photographer – take pictures
 - b. Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce/Well Read Bookstore/Green Team - Where’s Waldo – Buy Local Campaign – Well received in the community. Waldo party was well attended at Well Read.
 - c. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday August 26, at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**

- III. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Deadline Sunday August 4, 2013
Midnight – Filed grant application

- IV. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification Discussion – Deadline September 15, 2013
 - a. Additional Information Requested
 - i. Education for Sustainability – Rosanne will be provided information to Rayna to resolve comment questions
 - ii. Farmer’s Market and Accessibility – Update 2013 information – Robert updated the information.
 - iii. Anti-Idling - Request additional photographs of signs – Sue took additional pictures.
 - iv. Support Local Businesses – Request Qualitative Assessment form
 - v. Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal – Request copy of 2012 Approval Letter from New Jersey Department of Forestry – Downloaded status report from NJDEP.
 - vi. Computerized Assessment of Municipal Trees – Request additional information – Working with Paul, Chair, of Shadetree Commission
 - b. Actions to be Completed
 - i. Lead Education and Outreach Program – Rosanne Zagatta
 - ii. Community/School Garden – Rayna Laiosa
 - iii. Rain Garden – Rayna Laiosa – Will prepare summary and submit for the September 15, 2013 deadline
 - iv. Caring for Easement Inventory – Cindy Frank

- V. Green Fair at the Farmer's Market September 15, 2013 Rain Date September 22, 2013
- i. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm
 - ii. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks
 - iii. Discuss Potential Vendors
 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/water conservation booth – Unable to attend the event due to traveling.
 2. Elaine Bloomingdale Planner – native plants - Pat will reach out to Elaine; Unable to attend the event. Would like to participate at next year's Green Fair
 3. Passaic County Open Space Kathleen from EPA Green Streets Meeting – Unable to attend the 15th, but can attend the rain date of 22nd.
 4. Recycling division - Ellen: Potential survey questions - Why is recycling down? - No; Possible selling recycling containers to participants. Confirmed will have recycling containers;
 5. Green Sky Industries – Confirmed to participate at the Green Fair.
 6. Ed Schwartz Green Living – Mike will contact Ed. - Confirmed
 7. Well Read Bookstore – booth and author speaking – Rayna will contact Bill. Confirmed
 8. Shotmeyer Bros Fuel Co./Solar Company – Rayna will contact Chuck. Unable to connect with Shotmeyer. Left several messages and e-mails.
 9. Composting Demonstration – Mary Mahon - Confirmed
 10. Hawthorne Garden Club – Pat Hutzelman - Confirmed
 11. Porous Material table – Karen Young
 12. Flo's Market – Confirmed
 13. Bourdon BBQ Restaurant – Unable to attend due to conflicts. Will participant at next year's Green Fair.
 14. Habitat for Humanity – Reuse Store – Hazel – Confirmed
 15. Goffle Brook Farm – Pat to contact Donna – Unable to attend.
 16. Passaic County 4-H Club – Mike will follow-up with County
 17. Rocky's Pet Pantry – Rayna will contact Dee - Confirmed
 18. Knead-U-Need – Paula will contact Sam- Unable to attend due to surgery. Will participate at next year's Green Fair.
 19. Seimei Foundation – Paula will contact owners - Confirmed
 20. Rain Garden Demonstration – “Hawthorne Library” – Hazel will put together a display poster of the Rain Garden Project.
 21. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs – Hazel will put together a display poster on the Energy Programs; Green Living Solutions will focus on promoting NJ Clean Energy Programs, instead of the Green Team.
 22. Hawthorne Nissan – Electric Car – Karen Young – Did not connect Nissan
 23. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth – Interest in Community Garden – Sign-in Sheet (tabled the issue – see above section c iv) and Rain Barrel Workshop Sign up
 24. Electric Bicycle – Volvo – Mike Mariani will contact them.
 25. Pandora Healing – Paula will contact the owners – Confirmed will conduct Demonstrations
 26. Food Bank – “New Hope” – Hazel will contact the Food Bank. – No;
 27. Hawthorne Food Pantry – Confirmed by Hazel
 28. The Learning Tree – Hazel will contact them

- iv. Tables and Chairs for event – Bob Maggio – St. Anthony’s Church - No; Went to Back-up Plan – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Charlene - tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs) – Confirmed
 - v. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair”
 - vi. Green Flyer – Mike and Rayna will work together on updating the 2013 flyer
 - vii. Hold Harmless Agreement
 - viii. Give-aways – Rosanne Zagatta; Will conduct a research for items
- VI. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 5, 2013; Set-up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Event is from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. – Mike Mariani will be the facilitator for the Commissioners/Green Team members
- VII. 2013 Environmental Commission Budget – Provided an update to the Commissioners
- VIII. Report from Planning Board – No report were provided to Commission
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps - None

**Next Meeting September 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**