



**Environmental Commission
Minutes
November 13, 2014**

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

Guests: Pat MacDonnell

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –October 9, 2014
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Hazel Pinos
- II. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 - i. Community Garden Sign – Designed Approved by the Borough; recommend 4 holes on the sign to tie it to the Fence; 2 x 3 size of the sign
 - ii. Community Garden 2015 Update – Potentially adding another 4 x 12 garden bed; Jack Systma is investigating it
 - b. Next Green Team Meeting November 24, 2014**
- III. Business Cards – Hazel Pinos designed a business card for the Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team
- IV. ANJEC
 - a. Environmental Achievement Award –Buy Local Campaigns
 - b. ANJEC Congress Friday October 24, 2014 Raritan Community College
- V. Sustainable Jersey Grant Final Report due October 31, 2014 – Submitted
- VI. Buy Local Campaign – Holiday Season
 - a. Selfie Project – Hazel Pinos – Team brainstorm our hashtag for the Buy Local Campaigns; Team agreed “#ShopHawthorneNJ” as our Hashtag
 - b. Press Release & Advertisement - Chamber of Commerce will pay for an ad in the Gazette and Green Team will pay for an ad in the Hawthorne Press
- VII. Holiday Parade – Saturday December 6, 2014 at 10:00 am – Team agreed to not participate in this year’s Holiday parade
- VIII. Invitation to the Borough’s Holiday Brunch – Sunday December 7, 2014 at 11:00 am Bottagra Restaurant; Cost \$35 per person; RSVP by November 14,, 2014 to Lori DiBella – All are encouraged to attend
- IX. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
 - a. 300 Lincoln Avenue LLC Car Wash, former Chet Decker – Environmental Commission will not be preparing comments or testifying at the Hearings as agreed previously. The property will remain as commercial, not residential. Site

is under the LSRP program. Next hearing is on Monday *November 24, 2014* at 7:00 pm

- b. 233 Central Avenue Project – Monday *November 24, 2014* at 7:00 pm – Rayna will be attending and presenting the Commissioner’s comments to the application
- c. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC , Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Set a hearing date for *December 15, 2014* for the Application seeking preliminary & final site plan approval along with use and bulk variance relief to develop the properties in question for a mixed use development. The Applicant proposes a total of 244 residential units, 6,000 square feet of retail and 4,000 square feet of office space in the B3 Zone

- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps

**Joint Environmental Commission/Green Team
Meeting December 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**