



## Environmental Commission Minutes

April 9, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Robert Meier, Mike Mariani, and Hazel Pinos  
Guests: Molly Sher, Yvonne Humphries, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Ellen Brogno, and Carol Robertson

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –March 12, 2015  
Motion by: Mike Mariani, Second by: Hazel Pinos
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports –February and March 2015 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards. Except Utter Avenue – Treated sample collected March 17, 2015 indicates Tetrachloroethane is 1.80 ppb which is above the NJDEP MCL of 1.0 ppb. Prior two sample events dated March 4, 2015 and February 18, 2015, Tetrachloroethane was Not Detected. Rayna will communicate with to the Director of Public Works. Will continue to monitor the April 2015 water results from Utter Avenue – Treated.
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden Discussion
    - i. Community Garden 2015 Update –
      1. Board of Health 4 x 8 garden bed - potentially available to the public – No longer will continue with the community garden. Victor Tamburro applied for a garden bed in April. Will communicate to Victor that he was a garden bed. Welcome to the Community Garden
      2. Kick-off Community Garden Welcome New Gardner’s Saturday April 11, 2015 at 10:00 located at the Community Garden.
      3. Finalize the 2015 Community Garden Rooster and send to Molly Sher
      4. Molly Sher – Communicator to the Gardeners about Happenings in the Garden and Events!
    - ii. City Green Focus Group – Wednesday April 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm Clifton – Pat MacDonnell and Rayna Laiosa represented the Hawthorne Green Team – Community Garden. Discussed the challenges, positives, and new learnings from designing, building, and implementing a Community Garden.
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Opening Saturday May 30, 2015 at 10:00 am Community Garden
  - b. **Green Lecture** –May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Organic Pest Management”- Jack Systema
  - c. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday April 27, 2015**
- IV. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 18, 2015 Hawthorne High School 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Dedicate the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual in Memory of Pat Hutzelman
  - a. Dedication – Picture Poster Board Pat Hutzelman – Hazel Pinos

- b. Theme - Cel-Earth-Bratton - "Friend the Earth"
- c. "Earthie" Contest – Draw, Paint, or Take a Picture “ Show how/ what do you do for the Earth; Team agreed with the Rules of the Contest; Prizes will be given for the overall winner in the following categories: K-2 grades, 3-5 grades, 6-8 grades, and 9-12 grades
- d. Cel-Earth-Bratton 2015 Budget –
  - i. Rizzo Reptile (\$500) 2015 HEC Budget
  - ii. Pizza (\$82.50) Borough's Budget
  - iii. Press Ad (\$100) 2015 HEC Budget – Sent to Hawthorne Press
  - iv. Cel-Earth-Bratton Signs Borough's Budget – Ordered and will be distributed a couple of days prior to the Event.
  - v. Dirt Cake/Toxic Punch (\$60 – donated by Rosanne Zagatta to Scott Chrimel);
  - vi. Granola (\$60 donated by HHS PTO to Scott Chrimel) – No longer making the granola.
  - vii. T-Shirts 2015 – Borough's Budget
  - viii. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveways(prizes) – Rosanne Zagatta Budget of \$250
- e. School Use Application – Rosanne submitted application to BOE. BOE approved the school use application, but indicates that a custodial fee applies. In the 23 history, the Environmental Commission has never invoiced for custodial fee for Cel-Earth-Bratton. Cel-Earth-Bratton is sponsored by the Hawthorne Environmental Commission, BOE, and Mayor/Council. Rosanne will discuss further with the BOE. Issued Resolved – Hawthorne Environmental Commission will not be paying for the custodial fee at the High School.
- f. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne will make requests
- g. Publicity – Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement, Facebook, Patch, Borough Website Rayna/Hazel- Ellen will post announcements on Nixle and Channel 77.
- h. Registration Name List – Rosanne will receive the Earthie registration names
- i. Certificates – None for Earthie contest
- j. Certificate – Green Robot Zoo (signatures by Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor); Rayna will locate the certificates and get signatures
- k. Certificate – Trashion Show – Hazel will send Rayna the 2015 Certificate and will print them out.
- l. Tattoos, sponges - Rosanne; Yvonne will create a Tattoo poster for the event. Rosanne will purchase two (2) round green plastic tableclothes
- m. Face Painting – Rosanne; Yvonne will create a Face Painting poster for the event.
- n. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club
- o. Judges – Green Robot Zoo and Earthie Project - TBD
- p. Judges – Trashion Show – Assemblyman Tim Eustace- Waiting for response, Rayna Laiosa (confirmed), Sharoon Abood (confirmed) and Barbara Zakur (confirmed)
- q. Photography –TBD – Mike Mariani
- r. Pizza – Maureen Cook; Hazel is requesting three (3) pizza pies for the Green Zoo participants and will work with Maureen on payment.
- s. Refreshments – HHS Ecology Club (Dirt Cake/Toxic Punch) Flo's Market
- t. Announcement Speaker in Cafertia– Rayna will bring her Karaoke Machine.
- u. Vendors/Booths
  - i. Toxic Punch and Dirt Cake – Scott Chrimel – Rosanne Zagatta donated \$60 towards the ingredients
  - ii. Passaic River Institute Montclair University - Confirmed

- iii. HHS Ecology Club – Healthy Snacks - Granola – Scott Chrimel – HHS PTO donated \$60 towards the ingredients; No longer making granola; Will only make the Dirt Cake
  - iv. Middle School Ecology Club – Games – Confirmed
  - v. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission - Confirmed
  - vi. Hawthorne Recycling - Confirmed
  - vii. Monarch Butterfly Informational table– Barbara McGuirk- Confirmed
  - viii. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team - Confirmed
  - ix. Well Read Bookstore – Confirmed
  - x. Viridian Energy – Confirmed
  - xi. Bergen County Silent Fliers (drones)–Confirmed
  - xii. William Paterson University – Nursing Program – Hawthorne’s Green Map –Confirmed
- v. Activities
- i. Green Robot Zoo – Exhibition Contest; On-line registration due April 11, 2015- Room 106, Potentially prizes discussed Dunkin Donuts and Tastee Pizza
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trashion Show; On-line registration due April 15, 2015; Hazel request HHS Auditorium – screen and projector for the music/background of the Trashion Show; Potentially need Enrique for set-up. Rosanne will work with the HHS Principal on the details of the equipment needed for the Trashion. HHS Auditorium will be set up for the Play for the following weekend.
  - iii. Rain Barrel Workshop – Rayna is working with Americorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassador Program (Kristin Panos), Rutgers, and Assemblyman Timothy J. Eustace, D. C. ; Need a jigsaw for cutting the tops of the rain barrel. Bob Maggio will loan the jigsaw to the Commission. Amy Rowe will loan her equipment/tools for the workshop. Kristin will deliver the rain barrels on Friday April 17, 2015 in the afternoon. Rayna will coordinate with Scott Chrimel for the delivery and send Scott’s contact information to Kristin.
  - iv. Rizzo Reptiles – Booked
  - v. Stephanie Tonnesen, local resident, will conduct the “Re-Purpose Clothes” workshop - Confirmed
  - vi. “Friend the Monarch”Workshop – Mary Mahon – Rayna will purchase two (2) green plastic tablecloths.
- w. Schedule of Events – Two (2) posters will be created by Yvonne Humphries
- i. Rain Barrel Workshop – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Room 111)
  - ii. Rizzo Reptiles – 11:00 am to 11:45 am and 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm (Room 120)
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trashion Show –12:00 to 1:30 pm. participants arrive at 11:45 am (HHS Auditorium)
  - iv. Award Ceremony – 1:45 pm (HHS Auditorium)
  - v. Tree Seedling – 10:00 am to 1:45 pm (Inside the cafeteria)
- x. Prizes for Games, Trashion, Green Robot Zoo, and “Earthie” Contests
- i. Game Prizes – Rosanne Zagatta- Complete
  - ii. Mary Mahon will contact the following businesses: Stewart (donated gift certificate), Whims & Wishes donated (request to be a judge for Trashion show - confirmed); Tastee Pizza donated,
    - a. Need to follow-up Sprinkles (Donated), Chocolate Box (Donated), Bagel Express –did not request donation, and Hawthorne Movie Theatre (Donated)
  - iii. Carol Robertson will contact Dunkin Donuts on Goffle Road adjacent to the former International Bakery- Owner needed permission from Corporate

- iv. Barbara McGuirck will contact the following businesses: Olson's (donated), Pearl Paint- closed, Wild Bird in Paramus (donated book) Dunkin Donuts (donated gift certification for donuts) (adjacent to Rt 208/Goffle Road)
      - a. Need to follow up with Melcon's (Did not request donation) and Whole Foods (Donated)
    - v. Pat MacDonnell will contact the following businesses: Bogies (donated)
      - a. Need to follow-up with Villa Rosa, Hot Diggity Dog, Well Read Bookstore, Gluten Free Bakery, Dana's Macaroon, and Red Pretzel Company, Justin's (Donated) and Cuban Flavor Café Restaurant
    - vi. Robert Meier – White & Shauger – donated three (3) gift certificates for Trashion prizes
    - vii. Robert Meier will contact Flo's Market (request to be a vendor at the event) - Confirmed
    - y. Special Invitations – Rosanne will communicate to BOE, Mayor, and Council members; Rayna will send Rosanne the Special Invitation template.
    - z. Giveaways, etc – Borough is purchasing grocery bags, etc.
    - aa. Thank You Poster – Need to Make a Poster - Mike Mariani; Rayna will send 2015 list of participants/donors/etc. file.
- V. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
  - a. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) 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
    - i. Special Meeting **Monday March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm** – Planner
    - ii. Special Meeting Monday April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm – New Amended Site Plans
- VI. Planning Board Report
  - a. Royal Realty LLC – Meeting Tuesday April 7, 2015 7:30 pm; In progress of reviewing the plans and preparing comment letter for Planning Board; Rayna will work with Lisa.
- VII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
  - a. NJ State Botanical Garden Saturday May 16, 2015 – Planting 1,000 Milkweed plants from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**May 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm**  
**Municipal Building**