

Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: January 25, 2010

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Patricia Hutzelman, Mike Mahometa, John Dorval, Brian Lubert, Olivia Gagliardi, Phil Savioe, and Cindy Frank

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

Topics Discussed on 1/25/2010:

- a. Reviewed project summaries for a Sustainable Jersey Certification
 - i. Environmental Science School Program – Olivia Gagliardi – provided update to the team
 - ii. Anti-Idling Program – Sarah Kiefer – Work in progress
 - iii. Hawthorne's Recycling Program – John Dorval – Prepared a report that summarizes Hawthorne's Recycling Program. Next Step: Gather 2006 and 2007 recycling tonnage numbers into report.
 - iv. Natural Resource Inventory – Brian Lubbert Next Step: John will get the Water Usage reports for 1999- Present
- b. Environmental Commission by Mary Mahon – Team reviewed the document and provided additional 2009 accomplishments
- c. Green Fairs and Community Education and Outreach Programs by Pat Hutzelman/Rosanne Zagatta – Discussed final draft with team members
- d. Energy Audit Grant Application status report –
 - i. Met with Eric Maurer on January 21, 2010 to discuss energy audit status. There is one outstanding issue - Appendix C facility data form must be revised for the municiple building to include the 2nd floor gas and electricity and the square footage. Appendix C and RFP was revised and submitted to Eric on Monday January 25, 2010. Eric will submit to New Jersey Clean Energy program for approval.
 - ii. Prepare cover letters for the consultants regarding Hawthorne's RFP
- e. PSE&G Direct Install Program for Government Facilities – John will contact PSE&G to start the program for Hawthorne beginning of January 2010; Next Step: Contact PSE&G, complete application and submit for approval.
- f. Green Fleet Program – Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. Presented proposal to Eric Maurer on January 21, 2010 regarding purchasing hybrid vehicles for the Borough of Hawthorne. The Hybrid vehicles would be purchased for the non-emergency vehicle. It was highly recommended to complete the rebate application to determine the amount that Hawthorne would receive for purchasing a hybrid. The maximum amount Hawthorne would receive is \$4,000 for a light duty vehicle. Eric will discuss with Council members and the Mayor. Next Steps: 1) John Dorval -The Green team will further conduct analysis the last 10 years of motor vehicle purchases, how often are cars replaced, moved to other departments, etc. 2) Mike Mahometa -Further investigate funding for hybrids from the Federal government, such as EPA, DOE, and DOT.
- g. Tree and Woodland Program – Hawthorne Shadetree Commission will review the Sustainable Jersey tree and woodland program requirements (Community

Forestry Plan and Canopy Plan, Tree Planting Programs, Tree Maintenance Programs, Tree Hazard and Health Assessment Inventory Projects, and Computerized Assessment of Municipal Trees). Based on the initial review of the program, Hawthorne has the potential to receive 60 points. Phil Savioe will review the program and provide the Green Team the documentation to receive our points.

- i. Proposal – Partnership with the Shadetree Commission on Tree Planting Project. The Tree Planting Project is offered by the New Jersey Tree Foundation to celebrate Arbor Day 2010. Time commitment: plant trees, provide water, mulch, weeding, and pruning, and attend a mandatory training course in March. The team will review and get back to the Shadetree Commission.
- h. Community Education and Outreach – Discussed ways to educate the community. One suggestion is to attend a local beefsteak to promote environmental awareness.

VISION STATEMENT

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

Next Meeting: February 11, 2010 at the Municipal Building