

## Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: February 11, 2010

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Lisa Szegedi, Patricia Hutzelman, Robert Maggio, Carmen Ruta, John Dorval, Mike Mahometa, Cindy Frank, Olivia Gagliardi, Brian Lubbert,

### 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 2/11/2010:

- a. Status update on progress to Sustainable Jersey Certification - We are making progress towards our 150 points to become a Sustainable community.
- b. ANJEC Community Energy Outreach Training Wednesday January 27, 2010 – Rayna and John attended the meeting. We are registered as Community Partner from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. As a part of this program, we can raise money for the town to promote energy efficient programs for residents of the community. This would be a good idea to promote at Cel-Earth-Bration and Hawthorne Day.
- c. Reviewed project summaries for a Sustainable Jersey Certification
  - i. 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.
  - ii. Natural Resource Inventory – Brian Lubbert; John will get the Water Usage reports for 1999- Present; UPDATE: Information was sent on Feb. 18, 2010 to Brian.
- d. Green Challenge – Hawthorne High School Ecology Club is currently selling stainless steel containers. Rayna sent the Green Challenge grant proposal to Olivia and Scott Chimel for review.
- e. Green Fairs and Community Education and Outreach Programs by Pat Hutzelman/Rosanne Zagatta – Discussed final draft with team members
- f. Energy Audit Grant Application status report –
  - i. Waiting for approval for the revised RFP from the New Jersey Clean Energy program for approval.
- g. PSE&G Direct Install Program for Government Facilities – John will contact PSE&G to start the program for Hawthorne beginning of January 2010; UPDATE: Feb. 2010 application sent to PSE&G for approval. Waiting for approval and implementation of the free energy audit.
- h. 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. UPDATE: Mike researched for the regulatory agencies for funding of hybrids, but was unable to identify funding resources.

- i. 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. In - progress
  - 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. UPDATE: The Shadetree Commission decided not to pursue the project.
- j. 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: March 22, 2010 at the Municipal Building**