



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: May 1, 2014

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Ellen Brogno, Paula Tutein, Hazel Pinos, Mike Mariani, Pat MacDonnell, Orrie DuBuis, Molly Sher, Helga Helmsey, Jimmie Vancio, Maureen Rochford, and Mary Mahon

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 05-01-2014:

- a. Review March's Green Team minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Created a Sub-Committee – Community Garden – Pat MacDonnell, Jack Systma, Mike Mariani, Rayna Laiosa, and Molly Sher
 - ii. Thursday April 10, 2014 Kickoff Community Garden Meeting Municipal Building 2nd floor Conference
 - iii. Update on Community Gardeners Registered
 - iv. Building of the Community Garden
 1. Saturday April 26, 2014 Building of the Raised Beds – Environmental Commissioners, Green Team Members, Boys Scouts, and City Green
 2. Friday May 2, 2014 – Topsoil and raised beds placement in the garden
 3. Saturday May 10, 2014 – Anchor Fence installation
 4. Need to Pick a Date for Opening Ceremony/Planting – Saturday May 17, 2014 at 10:00 am; Rain Date Sunday May 18, 2014 at 10:00 am
 - v. Green Lecture – Schedule Gardening Class – June 17, 2014 Hawthorne Library – Vegetable Gardening – Conducted by City Green
- c. Cel-Earth-Bratton XXII Saturday April 26, 2014 – Lincoln Middle School
 - i. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bratton 22nd Annual Event “A Greener Path to a Healthy You!”
 - ii. Trashion Show
- d. Buy Local Campaign – Partnership with Chamber of Commerce April “Hop the Shop” – Program went well.
- e. Open Discussions:
 - i. Team decided to cancel the May 19, 2014 Green Team meeting.
 - ii. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm

1. Candidates to receive Environmental Achievement Award – Paul’s Volve (Green Business), Ellen Brogno, Steve Fitzsimmons /Troop 30, Robert Scully, and Kevin Downes

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: May 19, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**