



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: October 28, 2013

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Paula Tutein, Susie Altier, Robert Meier, Molly Sher, Pat Hutzelman, and Rosanne Zagatta

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 09-23-2013:

- a. Review September's minutes - Approved
- b. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – Borough of Hawthorne – SILVER!!!!
 - i. Powerpoint Presentation – Council Meeting Wednesday November 6, 2013 at 7:00 pm – Encourage members to attend the Council Meeting
 - ii. Sustainable Jersey Luncheon Atlantic City – Tuesday November 19, 2013- Rayna, Mayor Goldberg, and Councilman Frank Matthews will be attending the luncheon.
- c. Sustainable Jersey Grant – Borough of Hawthorne Awarded \$2,000 (Grant money towards Community Outreach, Buy Local Campaign, and Community Garden (\$600) programs)
- d. Community Garden – November 25, 2013 Green Team Meeting
 - i. Basics – Fence (Mike Mariani is working on pricing proposals), Topsoil (potentially donated by Downs Tree Service??), and Raised Beds (Robert Meier is investigating)
 - ii. Composting bin
 - iii. Fee ??
 - iv. Develop rules for the Community Garden
 - v. Plots – 3 x 6 approximately 15 plots; 20 x 40 area for the Community Garden located at the Ambulance Corp Building
 - vi. Purpose – 1) Donate vegetables to food pantry 2) Local Businesses – restaurants, or 3) residents plant vegetable for their own use
 - vii. Next Steps:
 1. Pat MacDonnell review the Sustainable Jersey website specifically Community Garden Action Plan
 2. Paula Tutein – Contact Fair Lawn Green Team member responsible for the Fair Lawn's Community Garden
 3. Molly Sher – Understand how to build/use raised beds for the community garden
- e. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Partnership with Chamber of Commerce and Town – Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting Saturday December 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm
- f. Open Discussions:
 - i. World Wildlife Fund – Earth Hour City Challenge Deadline October 13, 2013 <http://worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour-city-challenge>; At this time, there is not a enough time to make the deadline.

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: November 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm