



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: November 24, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, Pat Hutzelman, Hazel Pinos, Mary Mahon, Ellen Brogno, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, and Jack Systma,

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 11-24-2014:

- a. Review October's Green Team minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Community Garden Sign – Designed Approved by the Borough; recommend 4 holes on the sign to tie it to the Fence; 2 x 3 size of the sign
 - ii. 2014 Garden Growing season ends Thanksgiving Weekend
 - iii. Discussion of Additional Garden Beds – Jack Systma – It was determined that an another 4 x 12 garden bed
 - iv. City Green Dig In Grant Program – 2015 Spring Cycle; Deadline January 30, 2015 (Technical Assistance Session: December 11, 2014 at 6 pm and January 15, 2015 at 6 pm); Team agreed that we, Green Team, should submit an application; Preliminary budget: 4 x 12 garden bed, topsoil, hay bales, and roll of fencing
- c. Buy Local Campaign – Holiday Season
 - i. Distribution of Holiday Posters – A total of 78 businesses (45 businesses distributed) – Chamber of Commerce and Green Team members will distribute prior to Thanksgiving weekend
 - ii. Publicity – Channel 77, Chamber's website, Borough's website,
 - iii. Press Releases: Hawthorne Press and Gazette
 - iv. Advertisement – Hawthorne Press and Gazette
 - v. Facebook Selfies #shopHawthorneNJ
- d. Holiday Parade – Saturday December 6, 2014 - Team agreed to not participate in this year's Holiday Parade
- e. Invitation to the Borough's Holiday Brunch – Sunday December 7, 2014 at 11:00 am Bottagra Restaurant; Cost \$35 per person; RSVP by November 14,, 2014 to cash or check made out to Lori DiBella – All are encouraged to attend.
- f. Sustainable Jersey Certification for School Program – Launched November 2014 – Discussed the program; Will need to communicate to the School System.
- g. Open Discussions:
 - i. Roosevelt School – Environmental Educational Courtyard Improvements/Renovations – Rayna is working with the principal of Roosevelt School; reviewing a preliminary landscape architect design for the area.

1. Team raised questions about adequate sunlight and who will conduct the maintenance of the area

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: December 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building 2nd floor