



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: November 25, 2013

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Hazel Pinos, Pat Hutzelman, Cindy Frank, Mike Mariani, Pat MacDonnell, Paula Tutein, Robert Meier, Jack Systma, Molly Sher, Pat Hillas, Christina Brevet, Erin Meerleane, Chris Cooper, 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 11-25-2013:

- a. Review October's minutes – Approved
- b. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – Borough of Hawthorne – SILVER!!!!
- c. Sustainable Jersey Luncheon Atlantic City – Tuesday November 19, 2013; Went very well; Mayor Goldberg, Councilman Frank Matthews, Councilman John Lane, Debra Hoffman, and Rayna Laiosa attended on behalf of Hawthorne
- d. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Establish a community garden open to Hawthorne residents in 2014
 - ii. Land adjacent to First Aid Station on Goffle Brook Road
 - iii. Size of garden area proposed is either 30 x 40 or 30 x 50 – to be determined
 - iv. Beds will be raised and constructed by (3 x 6 11 inch high; or 4 x 8 16 ½ inch high)? Using recycled/repurposed materials.
 - v. Fence will be installed around entire community garden site
 - vi. Water will be provided by Town of Hawthorne to participating members of the garden
 - vii. Fees to be agreed upon
 - viii. Release form to be reviewed and accepted by Green Team
 - ix. Mulch can be potentially donated by Downs Tree Service
 - x. Land can potentially cleared by Hawthorne DPW???And at the end of the growing/harvesting season – readied for next year's planting
 - xi. Approximately 15 beds will be available for use in this garden the first year
 - xii. Looking for help from maybe Eagle Scouts, or town organizations, community businesses
 - xiii. Decide on how the beds will be assigned, first come or by lottery
 - xiv. Next Step: Molly Sher to research and get pricing for raised beds
 - xv. Next Step: Jack Systma to get proposals for various fencing – metal wire and plastic – Send to Rayna
 - xvi. Next Step: Pat MacDonnell – Prepare Proposed Community Garden rules, Waiver, and Sign Up Registration forms

- e. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Partnership with Chamber of Commerce - Poster was created and printed locally, Molenaro Designs. Distributed posters to be delivered to Chamber of Commerce businesses. Rosanne, Cindy, Pat, Mike, and Robert will be delivering the posters prior to December 1, 2013. Bill (Well Read) and Ellen (Flo’s Market) will distribute posters to businesses adjacent to their businesses. Rayna will prepare and distribute to the local newspapers a Press Release of our Holiday Buy Local Campaign.
- f. Holiday Float Theme “Silver Certification; Silver Bells” - Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting Saturday December 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm; Hazel is leading the design of the Float.
 - i. Need Christmas Lights for the float. Please bring lights and water bottles to Hazel’s house prior to December 1, 2013.
 - ii. Mike – Will print our Silver Sustainable Jersey on Foam Board for the Float (18 x 26 size)
 - iii. All are welcome to participate on the Environmental Commission/Green Team Float.
- g. Open Discussions: None

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 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building 2nd Floor Kitchen