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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**October 1, 2013**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Paul Giardino (PG) – Y  
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - Y  
Commissioner David Sailer (DS) -N  
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – N  
Boro Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) N

Vice Chairperson Tom Dwyer (TD) – Y  
Commissioner Brian VanHook (BV) - N  
Commissioner Dria Lobosco Stauss (DS) Y  
DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) – Y  
HSTC Secretary Gina Brown (GB) – Y

**Meeting began at 4:30 pm**

### **1. Public Session:**

Al Ianacone attended meeting. Al will be joining the Commission effective this month and wanted to introduce himself and sit in on the meeting.

### **2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes.**

Unanimously approved.

### **3. New Business:**

A. Joe Clementi, DPW Liaison gave his update to the committee. There are approximately 25-30 items on the backlogged list. Joe recommended that the HSTC increase their budget request for pruning and tree removals to \$50,000 for 2014 based on the on-going need and lack of funds year to year.

### **3. Old Business:**

A. Hawthorne Day, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The HSTC is all set for the upcoming event. Dria received her order for the give-aways and Paul will gather the necessary items for the booth. Paul reminded the Commissioners of the need to help out with the booth coverage.

B. Shade Tree Federation Conference in Cherry Hill - Hotel reservations and registration was sent in. Dria will be attending on Friday only. Paul will be attending both Friday and Saturday.

C. Fall Planting. We are waiting on Steve Shuckman to complete the recommendation for tree species and review the planting locations.

D. An ad will run in the Hawthorne Press this week on behalf of the HSTC informing the public to visit us at our booth at Hawthorne Day.

E. The trees which were planted last November can now have their stakes and straps removed. Gina will put in a work order for DPW to handle this.

F. Pro-Active Pruning. The Pro-Active Tree pruning contract was awarded to Downes Tree Service

G. The commission is happy to have a new member, Al Ianacone who will be sworn in at the next Council meeting. Mr. Ianacone is a certified Rutgers Master Gardener (graduated in June of this year). He has lived in Hawthorne for 33 years and is now retired. Welcome Al.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm