



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
January 25, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Lisa DeVos, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Rosanne Zagatta, Jack Sytsma, Kayla Brady, Richard Santangelo, Elisabeth Barker, Dawn Zagatta, Maureen Cook, Craig Cayetano, and Charles Stebbins

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**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 January 25, 2021**

- a. Review December 10, 2020 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2021 Growing Season!
  1. (2) People on Waiting List – Accepted the garden beds; All are very excited and happy! 2021 Garden Bed Applications, Rules, and Disclaimer posted on Green Team’s Website; Deadline for submittal of All Paperwork is Monday February 1, 2021 – Attention Ellen Brogno

2. March 22, 2021 Virtual Green Team – Invitation to All Gardeners to Participate – Discuss Rules and Regulations
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Green Fair Event – ZOOM
1. Communication to Vendors/Participants - Open to New Ideas/Topics – Set Up Separate Zoom Meeting for Each Lecture – 30 to 45 mins/lecture or if a participant is unable to conduct lecture – provide a 2 minute video; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; - Reviewed Lisa’s draft email – Looks Good! Lisa sent email to all potential vendors and participants via the [HawthorneEC@gmail.com](mailto:HawthorneEC@gmail.com) email account Lisa or Rosanne to monitor email system; both will be contacts in the email sent to the participants. Give 2 week deadline; 2 weeks to send the presentation/video; Scheduled End of January to March 2021; Vendors will select up to 3 potential dates of preference; Request presentations and videos by mid-December 2020 – Completed - Lisa sent an email to everyone confirming date and time! We are All Set!
  2. Virtual Green Fair – A total of 10 Programs – ZOOM Meeting at 7:30 pm
    - i. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Maureen – March 23, 2021
    - ii. Composting – Mary and Trig- February 9, 2021
    - iii. Container Gardening – Jack – February 9, 2021
    - iv. Birding 101 – Lisa and Holly – February 24, 2021
    - v. Virtual Bird Walk – Lisa and Holly – April 6, 2021
    - vi. Lyme Disease – Alexandra – March 30, 2021
    - vii. Electric Charging Vehicle Stations – Plug In Service Stations Inc.- Confirmed – March 16, 2021
    - viii. BEAR – Doreen – March 9, 2021
    - ix. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Immune Health – Robin Garmise – Confirmed – February 2, 2021
    - x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Confirmation January 26, 2021 – Kickoff
    - xi. Hawthorne History - A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne – Veronica –Confirmed – March 2, 2021
    - xii. Hawthorne History - Hawthorne Historical Society – Veronica – Confirmed – March 2, 2021
  3. Create Green Fair Schedule – Flyer – Lisa Completed and Posted on Facebook and Boro’s Website
  4. Publicity - Press Release issued -Tap Into Hawthorne and Gazette; Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel – All Complete; Boro will set up Nixel for each Green Lecture; Boro will post on Channel 77 and 28.
- d. Styrofoam Day – Confirmed - Saturday January 9, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00pm; Snow/Rain Date Saturday January 16, 2021; Thank You for Another Great Styrofoam Collection Day! – Liana Romona, Carol Robertson, Kayla Brady, Maureen Cook, Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Charles Stebbins, Holly Cowen, Craig Cayetano, Alexandra Soteriou, Elisabeth Barker, Phyllis Wooldridge, and Brian Bertollo;
1. January 14, 2021 - Tap Into Hawthorne received an email from a representative of from DuPont de Nemours, Inc. stated that Styrofoam is a Trade Name for building materials; Can no longer use the words “Styrofoam” in any communication correspondence; Must use the Words “Expanded Polystyrene, white packaging foam, rigid packaging foam,”

2. Lessons Learned: (1) person counting the cars and the number of bags; Hawthorne residents only; need ID to prove residence – Must be Checked, Need larger cubic yard container – 40 instead of 30 cubic yard container;
  3. Propose Dates in April and possibly having these drives quarterly; Maureen will follow up with Boro’s Administration.
  4. Press Release Must be updated as well Lawn Signs – Name of Event and Hawthorne Residents Only
  5. Flyer – Clearly States “Hawthorne Residents Only”
  6. Designate Volunteers to Count number of Cars, Number of Plastic Bags into the Container, and Bins to Distinguish between Trash Bags and Bags that Can Be Reused
- e. Anti-Idling Signs – Designated Locations – Purchased 30 signs from NJDEP Wag Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; Cubs field Maitland Ave, HHS field fence, Gateway Area, Boro Hall, Ambulance Corp, and Hawthorne Library - Need to figure out what we are doing with these signs; Craig will follow up with Alex – on the photos taken for the locations of the Anti Idling Sign
- f. Open Discussion
1. ZOOM Capabilities with License – Can Stream Programs on Facebook Live, Breakout Rooms and Polling Questions
  2. Discussed to create a You Tube Channel for all of the Green Fair Lectures to be posted
  3. Discussed publicity – possibility of using Nextdoor – limited to sections of town and beyond town boundaries
  4. Discussed Another Clean Up Day – Gateway to the Passaic River and 8 Acre Woods Areas; Promote the Bee Litter Again (monthly??); Proposed Saturday February 20, 2021 (Feb. 21-rain/snow/weather backup date) gateway cleanup day 10a.m-12a.m: will give grabbers to everyone that helps (but will limit it to one per family and will only hand out max of 20); Clean Out the Nesting Boxes; Poison Ivy is dormant during the winter months

## **Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting Monday February 22, 2021**

### **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