



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes
February 9, 2023**

Call to order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Mike Mariani, Pat MacDonnell, and Charles Stebbins (arrived 7:50 pm)

Guests: Heather Norman, Rita Pinelli, and Maureen Cook,

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
 - a. Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023
1st Motion: Robert Meier, 2nd Motion: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Planning Board Report - Robert Meier - Approved 293 Lafayette Avenue – Convert Bank to Medical Office
- III. Kids Corner Newsletter - Rita Pinelli - - Spring 2023 – Theme will be celebrating Hawthorne’s 125 year anniversary. Outdoor activities high lighting 8 Acre Woods and Gateway to the Passaic River.
- IV. Green Team Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 1. January 2023 – Two (2) 4 x 8 Garden Beds Lottery Draw – Name out of a Hat - Pat MacDonnell picked 2 out of 8 applicants. Nancy Salisbury and Britta Anderson. The idea of pulling a third name as alternate was denied as

- not the practice of the last 10 years. Rayna will communicate to our new gardeners and Boro will communicate to the remaining applicants.
2. New Community Garden Entrance Sign – Discussion – design by Mary Mahon - Design accepted. Mary to meet with Paul Whalen about pricing of putting in post and painting sign.
 3. Existing Gardeners – 2023 Garden Bed Application, Garden Bed Fee, and Disclaimer Enrollment Period – February 6 to February 27, 2023 – Submit Paperwork & Check payment for annual fee to Boro Hall Attention: Ellen Brogno; This is in progress.
 4. Partnership with North Haledon Community Garden – Garden Beds - Garden Beds Randy George, Mayor of North Haledon has offered 1 bed. Will recheck in March if more available. Heather Norman expressed interest and Mike Mariani was not interested.
 - b. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday February 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm
- V. 8 Acre Woods – Boy Scout Project – Jack Manke
- a. Working on Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge.
 - b. Alternative Ideas/Projects – Discussed with Jack – Agreed to Build Nesting Boxes for Birds in the 8 Acre Woods; Provided the following resources to Jack – Bird Nesting Box Guide, Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Facebook Page for photo of birds, Environmental Resource Inventory – Wildlife Chapter – birds, plants, etc. Jack will provide a plan and will work with the Commission. Jack has a second scout working on the plan. They are very happy building the nesting boxes.
- VI. 31st Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 22, 2023 Hawthorne High School – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- a. Hawthorne BOE Approved School Use Application December 2022
 - b. Theme Discussion CELEBRATING 125 YEARS HAWTHORNE HOMETOWN HABITAT. Tee Shirt pocket design on front by Rita has been approved. The back of the shirt with large pie design approved. Jpeg files have been sent to the printers for size and pricing. The vendor has done all the t-shirts for the town the past several years.
 - c. History of town at tables for Scavenger hunt
 - d. Show case winners at library. No prizes but a commemorative item [key chain, dog tag?] for all entries - Mary to check with the library about use of show cases. Mary confirmed that there are no longer showcases at the library
 - e. Letters to the Schools – Announcement of Cel Earth Bration - Rayna will reach out to Mr. Sprito and discuss our 31st Cel Earth Bration event and our process of distributing information to the schools.
 - f. Green Project – Registration Form – deadline? Collection of Entries/Projects – Contact Person; Rayna will reach out to Mr. Sprito for contact person’s name. Once the person has been identified, Rita will update the school teacher announcement and registration form. Rita volunteered to be contact person between the Schools and Hawthorne Environmental Commission. A discussion led to many ideas of using social media. This means a disclaimer on application about using picture and student name will be included on the registration form. May be like the Power Point used in June Meeting. Use just name and picture of project not student is possibility. Three winners for K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Ribbons and publicity on social media will be the prize; Registration Form – Will be sent to all schools and social media for Home Schoolers
 - g. Vendors/Activities
 1. Booked – Snakes-N-Scales – two (2) shows 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

2. Hawthorne Historical Society – Confirmed
 3. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed
 4. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Confirmed
 5. Plant Swap – Leah will work with Peggy Weber on this topic; similar as last year, 2022; Confirmed
 6. Craft Workshop – Mary - Tissue Paper flowers; She will also check with Colour and Whim
 7. LMS Games - Will need prizes if they do games
 8. Food/Refreshments – Pappy’s Juice
 9. Boy Scouts Troop 85 & 30
 10. Ticks Lyme Disease – Rayna will reach out to Alexandra
 11. Tattoos? Face painting out due to Covid. Need to check with Superintendent. Contact Cheerleaders
 12. Ham Radio Mary to check
 13. Honey Mary to check
 14. Paper maker? Rob to check with Meg
 15. Electric car? Check with Craig
- h. Pizza for Volunteers
- i. Publicity -Fliers, Press Releases – Social Media, Boro’s Website, Electronic Boards, Nixle alerts, etc. To use Tee Shirt logos on publicity releases
- VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns
- a. Working on temporary budget – Hawthorne Environmental Commission. Final Budget Approval is in May. No bags need to be purchased.
 - b. Maureen confirmed Passaic County Shred Day will be conducted on Sept. 9TH at the pool complex.
 - c. Rayna reaffirmed the chain of command of the Environmental Commission; The Chairperson works with all entities of the Boro and Vendors. Assigned or volunteered suggestions and finalized plans go back to the Chairperson. This confirms continuity and clear communication to ensure completion of projects. This has been the chain of command since the Committee and then Commission was created.
 - d. The Green Team is a subcommittee of Hawthorne Environmental Commission

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ZOOM Meeting
Thursday March 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm