



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes  
February 10, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Robert Meier, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, Dawn Zagatta, and Mike Mariani  
Guests: Charles Stebbins, Maureen Cook, and Craig Cayetano at 8:05 pm

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – January 13, 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Pat MacDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Robert Meier
- II. Planning Board Report – Report by Robert Meier
  - a. February 1, 2022- 63 Forest Avenue purchased by a Developer; sub divided property into 2 lots; there will be two (2) family homes built; sufficient parking
  - b. 542 Goffle Road – 3 Ronson Project – February 15, 2022 public hearing; residents are asked to review the planning documents at Boro Hall; 117 units
- III. Kids Corner Newsletter
  - a. Moving Newsletter to Quarterly instead of Monthly – 1) February 2) April/May, 3) June/July/August, and 4) Sept/Oct/Nov – Bring ideas/thoughts to next meeting in January 2022; Dawn discussed Winter Topics – Owling, animals habitats; Dawn will send newsletter to Mary & Rayna for review/approval; Once finalized,

Dawn will distribute in Hawthorne School System and Mary will distribute to local newspapers and Boro. Completed

- IV. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Community Garden – Growing Season 2022 – there will be two (2) 4 x 8 garden beds available in January 2022; Rayna will Make A Public Announcement – Press Release, Website, and Facebook,; Deadline for Applications February 11, 2022; Waiting for Applications for the two (2) garden beds
  - b. March 28, 2022 Virtual Green Team – Invitation to All Gardeners to Participate
  - c. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday February 28, 2022 at 7:30 pm
  
- V. Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) – Pat MacDonald – completed 4 meetings; finalized the plan for the initial \$125,000; The draft implementation plan proposes Year 1 two (2) Entrance Signs for the 8 Acre Woods project; the identified project activities proposed by the stakeholders must be Visible to the entire community.
  
- VI. 30<sup>th</sup> Cel-Earth-Bration Event – April 2022 – Saturday April 30, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain Date: Saturday May 7, 2022; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - a. Theme – Reuseable Bags -
  - b. Vendors educational and selling environmental products
  - c. Exhibitors – Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission, Hawthorne Historical Society
  - d. Bring own tables and chairs
  - e. Face painting and tattoos area
  - f. Rizzo Reptiles – Rayna will reach out Rizzo
  - g. Music – Matty Z
  - h. Food – Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club – water, soda, & snacks; Pappy’s; previously Flo’s market
  - i. HHS Ecology Club – Dirty Dirt and Toxic Punch – Dawn will contact them
  - j. Middle School – Games – Dawn will contact them
  - k. Green Project ??? – Dawn will get input from teachers on thoughts/ideas of doing the Green Project contest for the 30<sup>th</sup> Cel Earth Bration event
  - l. Bird Walks to the 8 Acre Woods – Hawthorne Historical and Shade Tree Commission along with the bird walks
  - m. Access to the Restrooms – Pool or Bandshell area
  
- VII. Bird Walks – Spring 2022 - Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday April 5, 2022; Jackie Walsh President of Hawthorne Historical Society interested in working with us – talk about the history of the 8 Acre Woods area/streets, etc.
  - a. Bird Walk at 9:00 am – Saturday April 23, 2022 Goffle Brook Park; Saturday April 30, 2022 at Cel Earth Bration at 8 Acre Woods (10:00 am to 2:00 pm); TBD May dates
  
- VIII. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – Deadline May 22, 2022
  - a. Environmental Resource Inventory – Update sections – Contacted Shade Tree Commission (update tree section in Vegetation chapter) and Hawthorne Historical Society (update historical section in chapter) for assistance; Alexandra will prepare a document with plants identified in the Goffle Brook Park; Lisa will update bird section in Wildlife; update native plants in the vegetation section; incorporate Alexandra’s information into the vegetation section; Rayna is updating historical references, transportation, land use and open space, air quality, climate, and water resources; Hawthorne Historical Society will create

New Chapter on the history of Hawthorne streets and street dedications honoring our veterans.

- b. Community Forestry Plan, Tree Maintenance, Tree Hazard, and Tree Planting – Sent to Shade Tree Commission for information – Deadline February 19, 2022
- c. Mayor’s Wellness Program – Mary – Hawthorne Library Programs – gather materials
- d. Reusable Plastic Bags – Draft FAQs Flyer – Rita selected consumer Q/A from the New Jersey Business Action Center Plastics Ban website; Brenda/Mike will create a flyer; Review and Discussion
- e. Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – NJDEP Deadline April 30, 2022
- f. Community Garden – Rayna needs to send information to Pat

IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step - None

**Virtual Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission  
ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday March 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm**