



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission- Minutes
February 11, 2021**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Roberston, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, and Robert Meier
Guests: Kayla Brady, Dawn Zagatta, Richard Santangelo, Alexandra Soteriou, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – January 14, 2021
Motion by Mike Mariani, Second by: Robert Meier

- II. Planning Board Report by Robert Meier – Next Tuesday February 16, 2021 – 293 Lafayette Avenue – 2nd floor residential change?; Passaic County - Rea Avenue – recreation field upgrade and crosswalk; stormwater and drainage

- III. Kids Corner Newsletter – Winter 2021 – Rosanne/Dawn finalized and sent this out to Spirito to get the okay to send it to the other school’s principals, Also sent to copy electronically to Louis Bay Library so they can post the link from Boro’s Website – Haw Env Commission webpage – Kids Corner; Publicity – Tap Into Hawthorne and Gazette; - Rosanne and Dawn Finalized the Winter Newsletter; Dawn will distribute it to the school system after Superintendent of School approval; Next Step: Facebook Page and Next Edition – Discuss Topics –
 - a. Moving Newsletter to Quarterly instead of Monthly – 1) February, 2) April/May, 3) June/July/August, and 4) Sept/Oct/Nov

- b. Late Spring (April/May) Daffodi flowers
- c. Summer's will be about bees, insects (June/July/August)
- d. And then one in Fall (Sep/Oct/Nov)
- e. Hawthornenj.org has the newsletter tab and does not mention that the letter is monthly, it just has the winter letter link listed, but no description about what it is or how often it comes out
- f. Idea for topic: rocks/geological theme-sedimentary, crystals, etc.
- g. Might have special newsletters for special topics – May Edition - focus on birds Scavenger Hunt as birds are migrating back to Jersey.
- h. Maybe some sort of interactive thing: collect something (like 3 or 5 rocks), take a photo; maybe have an unusual rock contest or something; maybe two parts- everyday rocks and something with crystals

IV. Green Team

- a. Community Garden – Update for 2021 Growing Season
 - 1. Two newcomers have 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; So far, we have received a total of 12 gardener applications and missing a total of 4 applications. Rayna will communicate to Pat the outstanding gardeners to send an email and phone call followup; March 22, 2021 – Invite All Gardeners to Participants to discuss 2021 Growing Season, rules and regulations, mulch, etc.; Pat will communicate to all gardeners.
- b. Polystyrene Collection Day–
 - 1) January Event - 115 bags and about 20 additional pieces (these numbers did not correlate to last years' numbers); although we were more successful breaking down the foam and bagging it than before; want to check second box of bags to double check tasked to Maureen Cook; Hawthorne owns the recycling equipment container and truck;
 - 2) Discussed Another Expanded Polystyrene Collection Drive in April 2021; Tentatively Saturday April 24, 2021 and Rain Date Saturday May 1, 2021; Waiting for Approval from Boro Administration.
- c. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday February 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm

V. 10th Annual Green Fair

- a. 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 – 15 Participated
 - iii. Container Gardening – Jack – February 9, 2021- 15 Participated; Announced 2021 Green Challenge – Container Gardening Project
 - 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 – 12 People Participated!

- x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Confirmation January 26, 2021 – Kickoff – 21 People Participated!
 - 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
 - b. Create Green Fair Schedule – Flyer – Lisa created; Rayna created separate ZOOM meeting information for each presenter/date – Completed
 - c. Publicity
 - i. Press Release (Lisa will create), Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel Nixel – All Complete; Boro will set up Nixel for each Green Lecture; Boro will post on Channel 77 and 28.
 - ii. Green Fair Flyers – Not at this time; Alternatively – sent flyer and zoom information to the Hawthorne Library for distribution and communication.
 - iii. ZOOM recordings of 1st three (3) programs; uploaded to You Tube Channel – Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Will send information to Boro to post on 2021 Virtual Green Fair Webpage; Need to Communicate to the public (tap into net, gazette, and facebook) about the presentations and recorded lectures
 - iv. Photo/Video Release to make sure that reposting the presentation is okay with each party – Rayna will Follow Up Mike Pasquale
 - d. Polling Questions – Zoom Green Lectures
 - i. Going forward from February 24, 2021, will not share results about how well the presentation – 2nd polling question
 - ii. 3rd Question - Yes or No Questions (remember to screen shot results)
 - 1. How did you like the program?
 - 2. Did you like the topic?
 - 3. Is this a topic we should expand upon in the future/ something you would like to learn more about?
- VI. Daisy Troop – Clover “Using Resources Wisely” Presentation – Friday February 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm – Rayna and Stephanie Hornback (Reimagined Designs) will be presenting a Virtual Program for the 1st Graders;
- VII. Gateway to the Passaic River Clean Up – Saturday February 20, 2021 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Rain/Snow Date: Sunday February 21, 2021) Discussion – Cancelled due to the snow; Will Re-Evaluate in Another Month – March 2021
- VIII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps - None

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday March 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm**