



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
February 27, 2023**

Call to order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Rita Pinelli, Pat MacDonnell, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Alexandra Soteriou, Mike Mariani, Craig Cayetano, Karen Young, and Maureen Cook

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8454403062?pwd=Yno2T1cxRmZVK29raF0ZjNMb0RKZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 440 3062

Password: 8bdZWY

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,8454403062#,,,,0#,,491101# US (Germantown)

+13126266799,,8454403062#,,,,0#,,491101# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location (Please use if no access to Zoom meeting software)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 845 440 3062

Password: 491101

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8454403062?pwd=Yno2T1cxRmZVK29raF0ZjNMb0RKZz09>

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 February 27, 2023

- a. Review January 23, 2023 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2023 Growing Season!
 1. Existing Gardeners – 2023 Garden Bed Application, Garden Bed Fee, an 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. Selected two (2) names for gardeners not returning – Stephanie Apgar and Mike Mariani

2. Community Garden Sign – Mary Update Paul is all set to make and install sign
3. Partnership with North Haledon Community Garden – Garden Beds – By March 1, 2023 Mayor George will notify the Chair on the number of garden beds available.
4. March 27, 2023 Virtual Green Team – Invitation to All Gardeners to Participate June 10th 11:00 AM Grand Opening Celebrate 10 year anniversary; All past participants and gardeners to be invited. Rayna will compile the list and invite everyone. Will post on facebook and issue a press release to Tap Into Net and Gazette
- c. Bird Walks 2023 Discussion –Bird Walk Dates Sunday March 26 - 8 Acre Woods, Sunday April 16 - 8Acre Woods, Wednesday May 10 - Rea Mansion, Saturday May 13 - 8 Acre Woods, Saturday May 27 – Rea Mansion, Sunday June 4 8- Acre Woods All start 9 AM; Lisa will post events: Bird walks, Earth Day Celebration and 10 Year Garden on Social Media; Lisa will prepare a press release for review/approval
- d. Create Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team 2023 Event Schedule – Lisa will prepare and send to Rayna for review/approval
- e. 31st Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 22, 2023 Hawthorne High School – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 1. Hawthorne BOE Approved School Use Application December 2022
 2. Theme Discussion CELEBRATING 125 YEARS HAWTHORNE HOMETOWN HABITAT
 3. History of town at tables for Scavenger hunt
 4. Letters to the Schools – Announcement of Cel Earth Bration - Rayna reached out to Mr. Sprito and discuss our 31st Cel Earth Bration event and our process of distributing information to the schools.
 5. Green Project – Registration Form – deadline? Collection of Entries/Projects – Contact Person - Registration Form – Designated Person – Kathy Keyzer; 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 Progressing
 6. Vendors/Activities **NEED TO CHECK RECTANGLE TABLES** in HHS Cafeteria – Rayna will work with Dr. Rick Spirito
 - ii. Booked – Snakes-N-Scales – two (2) shows 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
 - iii. Hawthorne Historical Society – Confirmed
 - iv. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed
 - v. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Confirmed
 - vi. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team –Confirmed
 - vii. Hawthorne Birds -Confirmed
 - viii. Plant Swap – Leah will work with Peggy Weber on this topic; similar as last year, 2022; Confirmed
 - ix. Craft Workshop – Mary - Tissue Paper flowers; She will also check with Colour and Whim They are on board Mary is back up

- x. LMS Games - Will need prizes if they do games Rita to reach out to Science teachers who did this last year. Amanda Cardenus and Victoria Sabitino
 - xi. Hawthorne High School – Supervisor of Math & Science - Bonnie Aschenbrand - Phone: 973-423-6415; Email: baschenbrand@hawthorne.k12.nj.us
 - xii. Food/Refreshments – Pappy’s Juice Rayna to reach out to Limitless Juice
 - xiii. Boy Scouts Troop 85 & 30 Rayna to check if they want to participate
 - xiv. Ticks Lyme Disease – Rayna will reach out to Alexandra - Confirmed
 - xv. Tattoos – Yes; No Face painting due to Covid. Need to check with Superintendent. Contact Cheerleaders or SHARE for volunteers – Rita
 - xvi. Ham Radio Mary confirmed
 - xvii. Honey Mary to check – Unable to participate Craig will ask Ashley Smith
 - xviii. Paper maker? Alexandra will check Sandie Butler – Confirmed
 - xix. Electric car? Craig confirmed
 - xx. Amy Rowe – Rutgers – Spotted Lanternfly materials, native plants, rain gardens, - Rayna will reach out
 - xxi. Hawthorne DPW – discussion on the water – Maureen will follow up with Bill Haffler
7. Pizza for Volunteers Maureen to check how many and contact Puzo’s
 8. Publicity -Fliers, Press Releases – Social Media, Boro’s Website, Electronic Boards, Nixle alerts, etc. To use Tee Shirt logos on publicity releases Change in flyer:2022 to 2023 No rain date, no music, no bird walks Using 2021 same as 30th, add Craig’s logo Rayna will convert
 9. Craig designed circle Logo for back of shirt .Italic print on outside approved. – This will be our branding for our Cel Earth Bration Flyer, press release, registration form, etc.
 10. Discussion of making into Buttons. Rayna to check number of clothes pin magnets kids can make. Lisa checked 200 buttons 2 ½ inches \$237, Maureen to check with town vendors also Magnets
 11. Giveaways for LMS Games – Rayna will check what we have from past events
 12. Photographer
 13. Poster – Schedule of Events
- f. Open Discussion – None

Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting Monday March 27, 2023

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