



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

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier and Mike Mariani

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
  - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023 – No Quorum; Moved to Next Meeting in April 2023
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier
  - a. Storage Warehouse on Ethel Avenue for Natural Stone facility – Approved
- III. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    1. 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 – 5 outstanding gardeners.
    2. Two open beds, Mary pulled two names Stephanie Apgar, Mike Mariani were lucky winners to join the community garden To be notified and pay.
    3. Partnership with North Haledon Community Garden – Garden Beds
    4. Communicate to All Gardeners to participate at Green Team Meeting March 27, 2023.

b. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday March 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm

- IV. 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
  - c. T-Shirts Designed and Ordered
  - d. History of town at tables for Scavenger hunt
  - e. Letters to the Schools – Announcement of Cel Earth Bration - Rayna reaced out to Mr. Spirto and discuss our 31<sup>st</sup> Cel Earth Bration event and our process of distributing information to the schools. Contact Person – Kathy Keyzer
  - f. Green Project – Registration Form – Monday April 17, 2023 deadline; Collection of Entries/Projects – Contact Person – Kathy Kezyer; 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 – Confirmed; Mary will be Back Up if Colour & Whim
    7. LMS Games - Will need prizes if they do games – Teachers – Amanda Cardenas and Victoria Sabatino – Rita
    8. Hawthorne High School – Supervisor of Math & Science - Bonnie Aschenbrand - Phone: 973-423-6415; Email: [baschenbrand@hawthorne.k12.nj.us](mailto:baschenbrand@hawthorne.k12.nj.us) – Rita
    9. Food/Refreshments – Pappy’s Juice – Confirmed
    10. Boy Scouts Troop 85 & 30
    11. Ticks Lyme Disease/World Paper USA – Rayna will reach out to Alexandra - Confirmed
    12. Tattoos- No Face painting due to Covid. Rita will contact National Honor Society and/or SHARE for volunteers; PCTI - Ashley Smith
    13. Ham Radio - Mary to check – Confirmed – adjacent to window area of the cafeteria or outdoors for electric and antennae,
    14. Paper maker – Alexandra will contact Sandra if available Sandi is “Workshops with Sandi” - Confirmed If nice outdoors, Need water and electric
    15. Electric car Check with Craig – Confirmed
  - h. Pizza for Volunteers – Maureen will work with Puzo’s for pizza pies
  - i. Publicity -Fliers, Press Releases – Social Media, Boro’s Website, Electronic Boards, Nixle alerts, etc. To use T-Shirt logos on publicity releases

- j. Giveaways – Alexandra donating tree free bags and notepads; Pat donating key chains; Rayna will check remaining giveaway inventory and re-order appropriately.
- k. Rayna to check on rectangle tables for HHS Cafeteria– working with Rick Spirto

V. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns – None

**Virtual Joint Meeting Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green  
Team  
ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday April 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm**