



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

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Carol Roberston, Mary Mahon, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Pat MacDonnell, and Robert Meier

Guests: Kayla Brady, Richard Santangelo, Alexandra Soteriou, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – February 11, 2021  
Motion by Robert Meier, Second by: Rosanne Zagatta
  
- II. Planning Board Report – Reported by Robert Meier – 293 Lafayette Avenue – approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> floor residential living above retail; Passaic County ballfield improvements application at Goffle Brook Park
  
- 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
  - b. Late Spring (April/May) Daffodi flowers; Lisa and Dawn are working on developing a Birds newsletter;
  - c. Summer’s will be about bees, insects (June/July/August)
  - d. And then one in Fall (Sep/Oct/Nov)
  - e. Idea for topic: rocks/geological theme-sedimentary, crystals, etc.

- f. 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
- g. Might have special newsletters for special topics – May Edition - focus on birds Scavenger Hunt as birds are migrating back to Jersey.
- h. Rosanne re-sent (January 29, 2021) Winter Newsletter to Tap Into Hawthorne and Boro for website

#### IV. Green Team

- a. Community Garden – Update for 2021 Growing Season
  - 1. Upcoming Green Team Meeting - March 22, 2021 – Invite All Gardeners to Participants to discuss 2021 Growing Season, rules and regulations, mulch, etc.; Pat will communicate to all gardeners. Rayna will drop off the community garden keys to the newest gardeners. Carol has the garden hose and nozzle.
- b. Polystyrene Collection Day–
  - 1) January Event – Maureen re-checked the number of bags used – Updated Numbers - 175 bags + the 20 big pieces + 125 cars that we had: January’s total; Hawthorne owns the recycling equipment container and truck;
  - 2) Discussed Another Expanded Polystyrene Collection Drive in April 2021; Confirmed Saturday April 24, 2021 and Rain Date Saturday May 1, 2021 with Boro Administration
- c. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday March 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm

#### V. 10<sup>th</sup> 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; Rosanne Zagatta will send information to School System to advertise the recycling program
  - 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 – Lisa will prepare a Press Release to announce Green Challenge.
  - iv. Birding 101 – Lisa and Holly – February 24, 2021 – 12 Participated
  - v. Virtual Bird Walk – Lisa and Holly – April 6, 2021; Discussed In person bird walks (first 2 weeks of may are big weeks for birds): want to try for one on May 2nd at 8:30 am and maybe April 25 too at 8:30 am meeting at the Rea House
  - 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 – 15 Participated
  - xii. Hawthorne History - Hawthorne Historical Society – Veronica – Confirmed – March 2, 2021 – 15 Participated

- 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. Lisa prepared Mid Press Release and Rayna will issue to Tap Into Net and Gazette; Send to Boro’s Website and Post on Facebook
    - 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – Spoke to Mike P –Need to make sure that people know that the links to the recorded sessions are online and they can view them; continue making the announcement
  - d. Polling Questions – Zoom Green Lectures
    - i. Going forward from February 24, 2021, will not share results about how well the presentation – 2<sup>nd</sup> polling question
    - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Gateway to the Passaic River Clean Up - March 20th 10:00 am to clean the bird houses and garbage and Will publicize and if people show up they show up; Maureen will bring gloves and bags; Giving out 10 hand grabbers;
- VII. Shredding Day Saturday April 17, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall – Boro is looking for volunteers to work on Shredding Day
- VIII. Polystyrene Collection Day Saturday April 24, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall Parking Lot (Rain/Snow Date: May 1, 2021) – Confirmed
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step
- a. Craig – Trex Program – Fair Lawn and Ringwood is collecting plastic bags at their town; Discussed program and requested the following information from Craig as Next Steps: – acceptable locations for the plastic bags, does the locations have enough room for all the plastic collected from the Trex program or do they have designated bins for that program, time commitment, empty bins and time for drop off and weight it. Will report at next’s Commission meeting
  - b. Craig – Goffle Brook Park – New Fence installed from the County -Deer and Safety Issue – Informed Craig as a concerned citizen he can contact directly the Passaic County Park Department

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission  
ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday April 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm**