



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
March 22, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Lisa DeVos, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Rosanne Zagatta, Jack Sytsma, Peggy Weber, Marc Walker, Jack Lohr, Barbara Wagner, Jeff Kowalski, Dria Lobosco, Kayla Brady, Elisabeth Barker, Dawn Zagatta, Maureen Cook, Craig Cayetano, and Alexandra Soteriou,

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**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 March 22, 2021**

- a. Review January 25, 2021 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2021 Growing Season!
  1. Welcome All Gardeners to the 2021 Season! – Welcome are New Gardeners to 2021 – Marc Walker and Jeff Kowalski; reviewed the garden bed layout
  2. Review Rules and Regulations – Discussed
  3. Communication to Gardeners - Facebook – Hawthorne NJ Community Garden and Email – Please go ahead and send friend requests
  4. Mulch Deliver in May 2021 – DPW will deliver the material

5. Water Turn On – May 2021??
  6. Zero Waste Policy – White Basket Collection September 2021- Donate Food Produce to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry
  7. Other Issues Discussed - Goffle Brook Farms will be donating a \$10 gift card to each gardener; Rayna will send a list of gardeners names and emails to Owner of Goffle Brook Farms
  8. Discussed possibility of having something over the top of the gardens to prevent animals (groundhogs and others) from getting in
  9. Discussed people putting chicken wire around garden or some other thing or sort of netting
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Green Fair Event – ZOOM
1. 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
    - iii. Container Gardening – Jack – February 9, 2021
    - 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
    - x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Confirmation January 26, 2021 – Kickoff
    - 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
  2. Rayna will post on the Two Remaining You Tube Videos to Facebook and update the You Tube flyer
  3. Request to send You Tube Flyer to the School System
- d. Bird Walks – Sunday April 25, 2021 and Sunday May 2, 2021 – Hawthorne Goffle Brook Park – Rea Mansion Parking Lot at 9:00 am – Confirmed
- e. Hawthorne Shed Day – Saturday April 17, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall Parking Lot – Request Volunteers – Alexandra, Carol, and Kayla; Email will be sent to requesting volunteers
- f. Polystyrene Collection Day Saturday April 24, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall Parking Lot (Rain/Snow Date: May 1, 2021)
1. Request Volunteers – Email will be sent requesting volunteers
  2. Lawn Signs – Name of Event and Hawthorne Residents Only
  3. Designate Volunteers to Count number of Cars, Number of Plastic Bags into the Container, and Bins to Distinguish between Trash Bags and Bags that Can Be Reused
- g. Anti-Idling Signs – Designated Locations – Purchased 30 signs from NJDEP Wag Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; Cubs field Maitland Ave, HHS field fence, Gateway Area, Boro Hall, Ambulance Corp, and Hawthorne Library

– Carol and Pat will conduct site visits at all of the locations and take photos.  
Discussed the additions to the locations - Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club and  
Kohler soccer field.

h. Open Discussion - None

## **Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting Monday April 26, 2021**

### **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