



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
March 28, 2022**

Call to order 7:30 PM Chair Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon Pat MacDonnell, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Maureen Cook, Charles Stebbins, Alexandra Soteriou, and Craig Cayetano

Community Gardeners: Barbara Pisacane, Jacque Blauvelt, Marge Tamburro, Rita Pinelli, Laura Robertson, Peggy Weber and Jack Sytsma

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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 28, 2022

- a. February 28, 2022 Green Team Minutes – Reviewed and Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2022 Growing Season!
 1. Welcome our 2022 Gardeners - Laura Robertson and Jacqui Blauvelt
 2. Reviewed Garden Bed Layout, Rules and Regulations
 3. Mulch delivery May 2022 – prevent weeds; Very important to remove weeds in the walkway and along each of the garden beds; request 3-5 cubic yards; last year’s delivery was too little. Maureen Cook will put in a Work Order

for Mulch delivery – 2nd week of May. Gardeners will be notified when the mulch is delivered. Gardeners felt that it was better to let each gardener distribute the mulch at a time convenient for them. Did not feel a coordinated distribution time and date was the best option.

4. Turn On Water May 2022; Carol – will bring garden hose and hose sprayer to garden
 5. Zero Waste Policy – White Basket Collection September 2021- Donate Food Produce to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry
 6. Bulletin Board - Need to purchase a new Welcome garden bed signs. Need to contact City Green for new sign on Garden
 7. Peggy announced New Garden Club on Facebook, Hawthorne NJ Gardening Club; approximately 75 members, Green Team asked if this New Garden Club would like to participate at our 30th Cel Earth Bration event! Waiting for response
 8. Talked about how to handle notification of issues with individual garden beds, product not harvested, weeds and garden condition. Send out notice to gardeners to notify Pat MacDonnell, either by text or e-mail. Pat will contact gardeners and coordinate the resolution of issues with Rayna. Pat will send her iPhone number to all gardens; Pat will provide all gardeners contact names and emails to communicate between the gardeners
 9. Communication – Emails and Facebook - Request Member Access – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236885886511874>; [Hawthorne NJ Community Garden](#);
- c. 30th Cel-Earth-Bratation Event – April 2022 – Saturday April 30, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain Date: Saturday May 7, 2022; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
1. Theme – **Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place**
 2. Purchase Reusable Bags Discussion – Maureen Cook – Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse Logo Borough of Hawthorne Lime color bags with white lettering - Will purchase additional 500 bags (2020 purchased a total of 500 bags) All delivered Add one per family on the updated press release
 3. T-Shirts – 2020 purchased 150 T-shirts – Reduce Waste, Put Plastic in Its Place
 4. NJ Clean Community – Post Card Bulletin Board for Plastic Bag Ban to display at Event; Maureen did follow up; Rayna will talk to John at Tap
 5. Bring own tables and chairs, optionally bring your own tent; Town will bring tables for Hawthorne Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Recycling, and Craft workshop Maureen got 10 tables
 6. Focus - Vendors educational and selling environmental products- Craig will research for environmental product vendors
 7. Vendors/Exhibitors –
 1. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed, Tree Sapling Giveaway
 2. Hawthorne Historical Society - Confirmed
 3. Veronica MacDonald Ditko - promoting and selling her first book entitled “A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne, New Jersey” – Confirmed
 4. Boy Scouts Troop 30 – Confirmed
 5. Brownie Troop 97786 – Confirmed
 6. Hawthorne Stigma Free – Confirmed
 7. St. Joseph’s Health Tina Miles – Confirmed
 8. Plant Swap Leah Steenstra Genvario - Confirmed

9. Chets Scents by Donna Johnson - selling soy candles to purchase Mary to contact No response to participate
 10. ReImagined Designs by Stephanie Tonnesen Hornback - selling one of a kind, earth friendly housewares and accessories - Mary to contact No response to participate
 11. Hawthorne School System – Guidance – Mental Health – Christine Wegert – no response to participate
 12. BMW Electric Vehicle - Confirmed
 13. New Garden Club Peggy Confirmed
 14. Lyme and Tick Disease Alexandra Soteriou Confirmed
8. Craft Workshop – Mary Mahon Confirmed
 9. Face painting and tattoos area – Need Volunteers – Requested Hawthorne High School Cheerleaders - Team Agree/Decided – Not this year
 10. Entertainment - Snakes-N-Scales for two (2) shows on April 30, 2022 – 11:00 am and 12:30 pm – Confirmed
 11. Music – Matty Z – Rayna will follow up. – Confirmed \$250
 12. Food – Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club – water & snacks – Confirmed ; Pappy’s Juice -Confirmed
 13. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Confirmed
 14. Bird Walks to the 8 Acre Woods – Partnering with Hawthorne Historical and Shade Tree Commission – identify historical references and trees - Confirmed
 15. Access to the Restrooms – Pool or Bandshell area -Confirmed
 16. Access to Electric Power — Confirmed
 17. Publicity – Nixel, Boro’s Website, Boro’s Electric Board, Facebook, Tap Into Hawthorne, and Gazette Maureen to follow up with Ellen, Rayna to John of Tap
 18. Letters to School System Announcing Cel Earth Bration – Dawn – Completed
 19. Cel Earth Bration Flyer distributed to Hawthorne School System – Rayna will provide flyer to Dawn for approval/distribution
 20. Hawthorne Gardening Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/391096026016035/>
 21. Need to Bring the following items: crayons, markers, elmer glue, box of rocks
- d. Bird Walks – Spring 2022 - Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday April 12, 2022; Jackie Walsh President of Hawthorne Historical Society interested in working with us – talk about the history of the 8 Acre Woods area/streets, etc. – Confirmed
1. Bird Walks at Goffle Brook Park will be Saturday, April 23, Wednesday, May 11, and Saturday, June 4. We will meet at the Rea Mansion parking lot 675 Goffle Road.
 2. Bird Walks at Eight Acre Woods will be Sunday, May 29 and Saturday, June 18. We will meet at the entrance on Maitland Avenue near the Boys and Girls Club.
- e. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification
1. **Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan, Sustainable Land Use Pledge, and Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy** – Will prepare Updated Resolutions for April 6th, 2022 Council meeting – Discussed with Green Team members all plans and policy

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f. Open Discussion

1. Shredding Day – Saturday April 9, 2022 Rain or Shine – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Hawthorne Pool Complex – Maureen - Flyer – Facebook; Pat coordinate – volunteers for Maureen Rayna and Rita offered
2. Polystyrene Food Containers – Ban - communicate to businesses – Facebook and Tap Into Hawthorne
3. Polystyrene Collection –discussion of potential dates in the spring; will conduct further discussion at next meeting
4. Signs to be put up warning of Lyme Disease and Ticks at 8 Acre Woods, River Gate and Ball Fields. Maureen to contact DPW. Can use posts for anti-Idling Rayna has signs
5. Discuss with Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Project of Ticks and Poisonous plants.

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting
Monday April 25, 2022**

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