



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Environmental Commission- Minutes  
April 8, 2021**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Carol Roberston, Mary Mahon, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Pat MacDonnell, and Mike Mariani  
Guests: Kayla Brady, Maureen Cook, Dawn Zagatta, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – March 11, 2021  
Motion by Rosanne Zagatta, Second by: Carol Robertson
- II. Planning Board Report – No report provided
- 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 – In Progress; **Suggestion/Recommendation** - to include the birds in the seasonal newsletter since different birds are more likely to be seen in each special season.
  - c. Summer's will be about bees, insects (June/July/August)
  - d. And then one in Fall (Sep/Oct/Nov)

- IV. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday April 26, 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 – **13 Participated**
    - 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. Completed and Submitted
    - iv. **Birding 101** – Lisa and Holly – February 24, 2021 – **12 Participated**
    - v. **Virtual Bird Walk** – Lisa and Holly – April 6, 2021; - **15 Participants** Discussed In person bird walks (first 2 weeks of may are big weeks for birds): want to try for one on May 2nd at 9:00 am and April 25 too at 9:00 am meeting at the Rea House; Lisa will prepare a Press Release Announcing Upcoming Bird Walks in April & May 2021!
    - vi. **Lyme Disease** – Alexandra – March 30, 2021 – **10 Participated**
    - vii. **Electric Charging Vehicle Stations** – Plug In Service Stations Inc.- Confirmed – March 16, 2021 – **6 Participated**
    - viii. **BEAR** – Doreen – March 9, 2021 – **12 Participants**
    - 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 Participate**
    - xii. **Hawthorne History - Hawthorne Historical Society** – Veronica – Confirmed – March 2, 2021 – **15 Participated**
    - xiii. **Grand Total of 131 Participants!**
  - b. Create Green Fair Schedule – Flyer – Lisa created; Rayna created separate ZOOM meeting information for each presenter/date – Completed – Update Flyer with You Tube Video Web Links -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 - Completed
    - ii. Green Fair Flyers – Not at this time; Alternatively – sent flyer and zoom information to the Hawthorne Library for distribution and communication. Completed
    - 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 - Completed
- 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 - Completed
- 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?
  - e. What Went Well and What Improvements/Enhancements are needed for the ZOOM Green Fair Lectures Discussion
    - a. Group agreement that weekly was a bit much, but overall it went great, had polls, interactions, youtube channel now, and could really get out our educational material, Everyone enjoyed them; good selection of topics and speakers, very informative and interesting topics; went extremely well with the ZOOM platform
    - b. Might have been too long – weekly lectures; may be next time – spread them out over a period of time/months
    - c. Focus on the Winter months
    - d. Send Virtual Thank You Notes to all the speakers and send links to them of each of the presentations so they can use them and publicize as well (youtube links and boro website)
- VI. Shredding Day Saturday April 17, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall –  
a. Volunteer Time Slots – Pat will send email to All
- VII. Polystyrene Collection Day Saturday April 24, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Boro Hall Parking Lot (Rain/Snow Date: May 1, 2021) –  
a. Request Volunteers – Pat will send email to All  
b. Lawn Signs – Name of Event and Hawthorne Residents Only  
c. 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
- VIII. Anti-Idling Signs – Carol & Pat Project Leads - 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 went out to all the locations and took pictures - Completed  
a. Spacing: 20-25 feet depending on location  
b. **Pool: Total of 4 Signs on Existing Posts** that are there along the parking lot and tennis courts; signs exist so all we have to do is put the signs on the posts

- c. **Hawthorne High School Bamford Avenue: Total of 3 Signs on Existing Fence** - we need permission form superintendent of schools
- d. **Hawthorne Library: Total of 3 Signs - Need 2 Posts Installed** in the parking lot; Question about the Lamp post? Or Can we Post on the Existing Fence – Need Library Board Permission
- e. **Ambulance building: Total of 2 Signs – Need 2 Posts Installed**
- f. **Band shell: Total of 2 Signs – Need 2 Posts Installed**
- g. **Hawthorne Cubs field: Total of 3 Signs installed on Existing Fence**
- h. **Wagaraw Road Ball fields: Total of 5 Signs - Wag 1 – 2 Signs Need Post Installed** (snack stand area); **Wag 2 1 Sign on Existing Post; Wag 4- 2 Signs Need Post Installed**
- i. **Hawthorne Boro Hall: Total of 2 Signs - 1 Sign Existing Post and 1 Sign Installed on Light Post (need brackets)**
- j. **Gateway at the Passaic River: 1 Sign on Existing Post** by handicap
- k. **Kohler Soccer Fields: Total of 3 Signs Installed on Existing Fence**
- l. **Summary Total of 28 Signs**
  - 1. **Existing Posts/Fences- 4 (Pool) +3 (HHS) + 3 (Hawthorne Cubs Field) + 1 (Wag 2) + 2 (Haw Boro Hall) + 1 (Gateway) + 3 (Kohler Field) = 17**
  - 2. **New Posts Installed – 3 (Library) +2 (Ambulance) + 2 (Band Shell) + 4 (Wag field area) = 11**
- m. Commissioners offered to volunteer to install the Signs on existing fences and posts.

- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step
  - a. Community Garden – Adjacent Well Pump House or Hawthorne Pool Area– Suggestion for a Plastic Cap Project for kids

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission  
ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday May 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm**