



Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes
April 14, 2022

Attendance: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Lisa DeVos Holly Cowen, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, Dawn Zagatta, Carol Robertson, Rita Pinelli, Craig Cayantano, Maureen Cook, and Charles Stebbens

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission/ Minutes – March 10, 2022
1st Motion: Mary Mahon; 2nd Motion: Pat MacDonnell

- II. Planning Board Report – Report by Robert Meier
 - a. 542 Goffle Road – 3 Ronson Project – February 15, 2022 public hearing; residents are asked to review the planning documents at Boro Hall; 117 units; Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2022
 - b. At April 19, 2022 Planning Board meeting, Rob will discuss the Resolution for Appendix of Master Plan of Updated Environmental Resource Inventory dated April 2022. Lisa did a fabulous job updating and making professional

- III. Kids Corner Newsletter Discussion postponed
 - a. Moving Newsletter to Quarterly instead of Monthly – 1) February – Done 2) April/May, 3) June/July/August, and 4) Sept/Oct/Nov – Bring ideas/thoughts to

next meeting in January 2022; April/May Topic???. Topic for this month is recycling. Dawn to complete this week

- IV. Green Team Meeting
- a. Hop the Shop – Partnering with Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce – April 2022; Week of April 9 to April 16, 2022; Grand Celebration Saturday April 16, 2022 at Mr. Cupcakes at 4:00 pm. 20 stores participated. Thank you to Pat, Mary and Rayna for helping Meg deliver Hop the Shop materials and collect prizes
 - b. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday April 25, 2022 at 7:30 pm – Cancelled
- V. Borough of Hawthorne, Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission, and Hawthorne Environmental Commission (Team) – Working with Common Food for Common Good, non-profit organization, planting fruit trees on Municipality property. The harvest of the fruit will be donated to non-profit food pantries. The Team has agreed to plant a total of 6 semi dwarf apple tree located at the Ambulance Corp Building area. The fruit trees will be planted in pairs and will grow to 12 to 15 feet high. The organization is responsible for the planting, pruning, and harvesting the apples. The fruit trees would be planted in the Fall 2022. We will receive apples for our Hawthorne food pantry. The Team is working with the non profit organization to have a property access agreement between the parties. This area is secure with the water works which is open 24 hours and working on installing security cameras at the facility. Bill Haffer, Director of Public Works, Kevin Alberta, Director of Public works and Shade tree, along with mayor Lane agreed to the idea.
- VI. 30th Cel-Earth-Bration Event – Saturday April 30, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain Date: Saturday May 7, 2022; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm;
Vendors/Organizations/Volunteers - Set-Up Time – Arrive at 8:30 am
- a. Theme – **Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place**
 - b. All Participants Bring own tables and chairs, tents optional
 - c. Reusable Bags Purchased– Maureen Cook – Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse Logo Borough of Hawthorne Lime color bags with white lettering – purchased additional 500 bags (2020 purchased a total of 500 bags) Plan to pass out 800 bags
 - d. T-Shirts – 2020 purchased 150 T-shirts – Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place
 - e. NJ Clean Community – Post Card Bulletin Board for Plastic Bag Ban to display at Event; Maureen will follow up;
 - f. Focus - Vendors educational and selling environmental products- Craig will research for environmental product vendors
 - g. 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 Paster Jim Bushoven – Confirmed
 7. St. Joseph’s Health Tina Miles – Confirmed
 8. Plant Swap Leah Steenstra Genvario - Confirmed
 9. BMW Electric Vehicle - Confirmed
 10. Hawthorne Gardening Neighborhood Club -Peggy Weber -Confirmed
 11. Lyme and Tick Disease Alexandra Confirmed
 12. ReImagined Designs – Stephanie H - Confirmed

- h. Craft Workshop Table – Mary Confirmed - Rayna bringing extra crayons and markers
 - i. Entertainment - Snakes-N-Scales for two (2) shows on April 30, 2022 – 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
 - j. Music – Matty Z – Confirmed \$250
 - k. Food – Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club – water & snacks – Confirmed; Pappy’s Juice -Confirmed
 - l. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Confirmed; Commission will provide giveaways
 - m. Park Ave BMW – Electric Vehicle Craig Confirmed
 - n. Bird Walks to the 8 Acre Woods – Partnering with Hawthorne Historical and Shade Tree Commission – identify historical references and trees Confirmed
 - o. Access to the Restrooms – Pool or Bandshell area -Maureen followed up Confirmed
 - p. Access to Electric Power – Maureen will followed up Confirmed
 - q. Letters to School System Announcing Cel Earth Bration – Dawn – Completed
 - r. Publicity – Nixel, Boro’s Website, Boro’s Electric Board, Facebook, Tap Into Hawthorne, and Gazette; Lisa to repost invite on Facebook. Maureen to check on Nixel alert and Lt. Mark M, Hawthorne Police, to do electronic message boards around town
 - s. Lawn Signs Distribution - Mike has updated signs and will set up Monday the week of event
 - t. Tables from the Borough of Hawthorne – 10 tables will be delivered by DPW –haw env com/green team (4), Hawthorne recycling (2), Hawthorne shade tree commission, LMS
 - u. Bring Commission’s table cloths (green) - Rayna
- VII. Bird Walks – Spring 2022 - Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday April 12, 2022; Zoom 7:30PM
- a. 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.
 - b. 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.
- VIII. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – Deadline May 22, 2022
- a. **Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)** – Discuss the Updated Changes; Completed and Sent to Burgiss and Planning Board Attorney; Will be scheduled for hearing May 2022 - Rob Meier, Haw Env Commission Liaison is our representative on the Planning Board. – Discussed Summary of Changes/Updates for 2022 - Acknowledgements, Land resources, Air resources, Biological Hydrology, Alexandra did a lot of work on vegetation – native and non-native plants in Goffle Brook Park and 8 Acre Woods, Lisa and Holly updated the Birds inventory in the Wild life Chapter; Natural Resources and Open Space enhanced, Hisotrical References added Hawthorne Streets and one (1) new Historical building on located on Goffle Road.
 - b. **Community Forestry Plan, Tree Maintenance, Tree Hazard, and Tree Planting** – Sent to Shade Tree Commission for information – Deadline February 19, 2022; Recd NJDEP Annual Report submittal and 2021 Annual HSTC report; waiting for tree maintenance, tree hazard, tree planting and information on the trees for the Vegetation ERI Section. Completed Community Forestry Plan, Tree Maintenance into SJ system; waiting for Tree Planting and Vegetation ERI section. Maureen reported Kevin finalizing tree planting and location

- c. **Mayor's Wellness Program** –Completed
 - d. **Reusable Bags** – Draft FAQs Flyer – Rita selected consumer Q/A from the New Jersey Business Action Center Plastics Ban website; Brenda/Mike will create a flyer; Review and Discussion – Completed; Social Media campaign started in February 2022; Rayna is working with John Tap Into Net on a series of articles on the plastic bag ban; Suggestion - April – Kids to Kids Program topic – Hawthorne High School no longer has a teacher for this program
 - e. **Non-Mandated Materials Recycling** - Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – NJDEP Deadline April 30, 2022
 - f. **Community Garden** – Action Plan Updated January 2020; Rayna needs to send information to Pat for letter of new data
 - g. **Community Food Pantry Bank & Soup Kitchen** - New Action Plan 2021
 - h. **Anti Idling** – 2021 Posted Additional 30 signs throughout Hawthorne, Total of 62 signs; publicity/educational materials – 2021 Green Fair & Hawthorne Day, and designated enforcement areas (working with the Hawthorne Police Department) - Completed
 - i. **Emergency Communications Planning** – working with the Hawthorne Police on updating the checklists - Completed
 - j. **Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies** – working with the Hawthorne Police on updating the checklists - Completed
 - k. **Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal** – working with the Hawthorne Police for 2020 and 2021 disposal information - Completed
 - l. **Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan** - Prepare Update Resolutions for April 6th, 2022 Council meeting; Discussed with Commissioners all plans and policy – Completed;
 - m. **Sustainable Land Use Pledge** – In Process; discussed principles and implementation in Hawthorne – Council resolution will be on the May 4, 2022 agenda;
 - n. **Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy** – Prepare Update Resolutions for April 6th, 2022 Council meeting –Discussed with Commissioners all plans and policy – Completed
 - o. **Farmer's Market** – Rayna will send information to Rob for update
 - p. **Green Team** – In-process
 - q. **Shredding** – Request 2020 (Cancelled), April 17, 2021, and April 9, 2022 Tonnage Numbers (waiting for information from Shred Company)+ reported 270 vehicles
 - r. **Municipal Communication Strategy** – sent information to Boro for review/approval; comments due April 14 2022
 - s. **Digitizing Public Information** – sent information to Boro for review/approval; comments due April 14, 2022
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step –
- a. Cancelled Green Team on Monday April 25, 2022
 - b. Discussion on the next Polystyrene collection event at the Hawthorne Pool Complex. With pool opening the identified Saturdays are no longer available until fall 2022. Evening collection was discussed at the Ambulance Corp/DPW Garage location but traffic on Wagaraw and Goffle Road is a concern. Discussion tabled for next monthly meeting

**Virtual Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday May 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm**