



Virtual Meeting
Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes
April 20, 2023

Meeting called to order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Mike Mariani, Charles Stebbins, Robert Meier, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Pat MacDonnell, and Maureen Cook

Guests: Rita Pinelli, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
 - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023
Motion: Pat MacDonnell, 2nd Rob Meier
 - b. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023
Motion: Rob Meier, 2nd Rayna Laiosa
 - c. Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023 – Approved

- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier – No report reported

- III. Green Team Meeting
 - a. **Community Garden**
 - 1. Mulch Delivery – Maureen to put in work order for DPW for the beginning of May 2023 Week of May 1st by fence
 - 2. Water Turn ON– April 12, 2023 DPW turned on water; Water hoses and spray delivered to garden (March 2023) Thank you DPW Maureen and Gary

3. 10th Anniversary Community Garden Celebration – Confirmed - Sunday June 11, 2023 at 12:00 pm; Rayna prepared a list of former and current gardeners to invite to our 10th anniversary; each will receive a Special Invitation; Pat will use excel spread sheet prepared by Rayna to invite all former and present gardeners. Pat and Rayna will work on an e-mail for distribution.
 4. Pat will send an e-mail to all gardeners, Reminder of rules, weed around the garden bed and in the garden bed, water turned on, and mulch the path around their beds and fence.
 5. Community Garden Sign – Mary, Rayna, and Paul will set up a day/time, Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm, to mark out the sign and post, Rayna will contact DPW to call for a mark out for utility lines; Goal Install sign by Friday June 2, 2023
 6. Partnership with North Haledon Community Garden – Garden Beds - one (1) assigned; waiting to hear from Mayor George on the any additional garden beds that are available to Hawthorne residents.
 7. Rita shared damage to garden fencing was taken care of.. – Maureen issued a work order for DPW to fix fence; Confirmed April 3, 2023 DPW installed new metal fence to replace damaged fence. Thank you.
- b. **Bird Walks** 2023 Dates Sunday March 26 - 8 Acre Woods, Sunday April 16 - 8Acre Woods, [completed and successful] Wednesday May 10 - Rea Mansion, Saturday May 13 - 8 Acre Woods, Saturday May 27 – Rea Mansion, Sunday June 4 - 8- Acre Woods; Bird Walks start 9 AM Flyers available on Earth Celebration Day.
 - c. **Help the Hawthorne BEE Defeat Litter** – Partnership with the Hawthorne Rotary Club; Town Wide Clean Up Event –
 1. Saturday May 20, 2023 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Rain Date: Sunday May 21, 2023;
 2. Event Location – Borough Hall Parking Lot; Each person will be given plastic bags and gloves; Hand Grabbers will be given to the first X participants; Confirmation of # of grabbers will be done after Earth Day. Designated Clean Up Spots (8 Acre Woods, Pool Complex, Gateway to the Passaic River, Wagaraw Ballfield Complex, Center of Town/Louis Bay 2nd Library & Community Center and Diamond Bridge Avenue, Along Grand Avenue towards to the end to Washington Street, etc.); will be assigned to the Participants May include school grounds. Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and High School. Need to check with Dr. Spirito
 - d. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday May 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm
- IV. 31st Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 22, 2023 Hawthorne High School – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Please arrive 8:30 AM
Maureen to get police to put up barricades for the alcove. Cars and plant swap to be there.
- a. Hawthorne BOE Approved School Use Application December 2022
 - b. Theme Discussion **CELEBRATING 125 YEARS HAWTHORNE HOMETOWN HABITAT.**
 - c. T-Shirts Designed and Ordered
 - d. Letters to the Schools – Announcement of Cel Earth Bration - Rayna reached out to Dr. Spirto and discuss our 31st Cel Earth Bration event and our process of distributing information to the schools. Contact Person – Kathy Keyzer

- e. Green Project – Registration Form sent to Rick Spirito for review/approval/distributed - Designated Person – Kathy Keyzer
 - 1. Three winners for K-2, 3-5 and 6-8
 - 2. Deadline: Monday April 17, 2023; Rita volunteered to be contact person between the Schools and Hawthorne Environmental Commission
 - 3. Registration Table –Excel spread sheet set up.; Rita will prepare a list of all registered students for the event Rita has 8 students for registration and tattoos. Need extra registration forms for late comers and spread sheet. Hazel Pinos will be volunteering
 - 4. Ribbons – Rayna ordered; Along with the Ribbon, each winning student will receive a Cel Earth Bration Certificate; in addition to publicity on social media Judges picked on Saturday
 - 5. Judges – Need (2) Commissioners/Green Team Members
- f. Vendors/Activities Rayna contacting Kevin about correct tables.
 - 1. Booked – Snakes-N-Scales – two (2) shows 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
 - 2. Hawthorne Historical Society – Confirmed
 - 3. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed
 - 4. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Confirmed
 - 5. Plant Swap – Leah will work with Peggy Weber on this topic; similar as last year, 2022; Confirmed
 - 6. Craft Workshop – Colour and Whim Studio– Confirmed
 - 7. LMS Games – Confirmed; Commission will purchase prizes – Teachers – Amanda Cardenas and Victoria Sabatino – Rita
 - 8. Food/Refreshments – Pappy’s Juice – Confirmed
 - 9. Ticks Lyme Disease/World Paper USA – Rayna will reach out to Alexandra - Confirmed
 - 10. Tattoos- Rita – Confirmed SHARE for volunteers; PCTI - Ashley Smith
 - 11. Ham Radio – Mary to check – Confirmed – adjacent to window area of the cafeteria or outdoors for electric and antennae, - Mary received information on Monday April 10, 2023 unable to participate
 - 12. Paper maker – Alexandra will contact Sandra if available Sandi is “Workshops with Sandi” - Confirmed If nice outdoors, Need water and electric Indoors do to electrical out lets.
 - 13. Electric car Check with Craig – Confirmed
- g. Pizza for Volunteers – Maureen – Confirmed Puzo’s - Ordered 10 pizza pies
- h. Publicity -Fliers, Press Releases – Social Media, Boro’s Website, Electronic Boards, Nixle alerts, etc. To use T-Shirt logos on publicity releases
- i. Giveaways – Alexandra donating tree free bags and notepads; Pat donating key chains; Rayna ordered additional giveaways;
- j. Photographer Rayna will take for live feed/photos to be posted on Facebook. Mike to take photos for the Power Point presentation – Annual June Environmental Program
- k. Poster – Schedule of Events Lisa volunteered to make poster Please add Shade Tree Commission tree raffle.
 - 1.Snakes and Scales
 - 2.Plant Swap – 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - 3.Craft Workshop s– Colour & Whim Studio (all day);
 - 4.Workshops with Sandie (all day) and
 - 5.Award Ceremony 1:45 pm – room will be determined the day of the eventk
- l. Bring Karaoke Machine and extension cords for HHS Cafeteria for sound system
- m. Mike to set out lawn signs. Maureen to set up electric message signs with the police.

- V. Hawthorne Shred Day – Saturday May 6, 2023 – Hawthorne Pool Complex – 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Looking for Volunteers
- VI. Kids to Kids Newsletter – Rita prepared; Good job. Newsletter will sent to Hawthorne elementary schools, boro’s website, library, newspapers, and social media, Facebook
- VII. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 12, 2023 at 7:30 pm HHS Auditorium Rita will be away so Mary will be the contact person for the school system.
 - a. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program. Discussed Potential candidates: John Minicozzi for wood donation, John Manke donated trex used for signs.
 - b. Letters to Teachers – Rayna will prepare and send to Dr. Spirito for approval/distribution.
 - c. Special Invitations – Mayor, Council, and BOE
 - d. Cell-Earth-Bratton Powerpoint Presentation – Rayna
 - e. Picture Frames for the Certificates – Citizens and Green Business awardee
 - f. Certification – Signature of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor; Rayna will provide blank certifications for the Mayor to sign.
 - g. Publicity – Press Releases & Facebook
- VIII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns
 - a. Craig inquired about some businesses still using plastic bags. Will check and see if NJDEP has informational material. Maureen to check with Bill.
 - b. Rayna announced she is appointed VP on the ANJEC Executive Board for two (2) years. She will represent Hawthorne on a panel on Planning for Green Infrastructure to discuss the Gateway to the Passaic River at the upcoming May 5, 2023 Sustainable Jersey Sustainable Summit. Rutgers and Pemberton school teacher will also be on the panel.

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ZOOM Meeting
Thursday May 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm