



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
April 26, 2021**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Rosanne Zagatta, Kayla Brady, Elisabeth Barker, 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 April 26, 2021

- a. Review March 22, 2021 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2021 Growing Season!
 1. Mulch Deliver in May 2021 – DPW will deliver the material – Maureen will put Work Orders into the DPW System
 2. Water Turn On – May 2021?? – Maureen will put Work Orders into the DPW System – request the week of May 10 for delivery
- c. 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. Thank You All for Volunteering your Time on Saturday! Another Successful Event!
 2. Designate Volunteers, Rayna, counted the number of Cars, Pat MacDonnell counted the number of Plastic Bags into the Container, and – Bins to Distinguish between Trash Bags and Bags that Can Be Reused – Went very well with distinguishing the containers
 3. Discuss Time of the Event - changing the hours to ending at 11:30; Communicate container until full in the press release, and message of collecting the “right” polystyrene materials.
 4. Potentially changing the location from Municipal Building Lot to Pool Parking Lot
 5. 134 cars; 151 bags
 6. We can take approximately 134 to fill dumpster (depending on how much each car has)
 7. 40 cubic yard container is preferred + recycling truck if going to Haskell
 8. Discussed a 3 Times a Polystyrene Collection: January, May, and mid-October
- d. Bird Walks – Sunday April 25, 2021 and Sunday May 2, 2021 – Hawthorne Goffle Brook Park – Rea Mansion Parking Lot at 9:00 am – Press Releases Issued and Facebook Events Posted; Discussed Adding two (2) Additional Bird Walks – May 23 and June 6, 2021;
- e. 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.
1. 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 – Completed; Need to Summarize the work that must be conducted and request permission from the Municipality and Schools – Can Use ‘brackets’ to hang signs on posts (similar to the ones used with the no skating signs recently hung)
 2. Discussion on educational campaign – a) Join ‘forces’ with the police to educate and share information about anti idling by sending and communicating weekly (month long campaign); b) Maybe have school children involved with a contest about making posters about anti idling, and/or c) Maybe have some sort of handout at the town gas stations they can give out
- f. Discussion on Outdoor Events- Determined based on the Governor’s Executive Orders; Environmental Commission is under the Municipality Government – Mayor; We will continue to monitor and act/plan accordingly; Discussed conducting another Spring cleaning; Hawthorne will provide bags and gloves
- g. Open Discussion – Gateway to the Passaic River Area – Litter in the rain garden – Dawn Zagatta will pick up the next time at the Wag field for softball practice; Discussed placing a Garbage and Recycling Container; Carol will investigate and report back on the “most suitable location” Maureen will investigate if the Boro has extra black garbage and recycling containers for the Gateway.

Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting

Monday May 24, 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