



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes
June 9, 2022**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Pat MacDonnell, and Mike Mariani,
Guests: Maureen Cook and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission/ Minutes – May 12, 2022
1ST motion: Pat MacDonnell, 2ND motion: Rob Meier
- II. Planning Board Report – Report by Robert Meier
 - a. 542 Goffle Road – 3 Ronson Project - Passed
- III. Kids Corner Newsletter Discussion postponed to next meeting
- IV. Green Team Meeting
 - a. Community Garden – Water is turned On! Mulch Delivery, provided information on weed and organic pest management to our gardeners; will be posted on the Boro’s website - Completed
 - b. Pat to e-mail gardeners water is on. Carol brought down the hose. DPW delivered the mulch for the pathway.

- c. North Haledon Community Garden- discussion Partnership with North Haledon. 4 beds (4 x 8) open to Hawthorne residents; Rayna announced at the recent Council meeting, June 1, 2022; Tapinto Hawthorne issued the press release and posted on facebook
 - d. Buy Local Campaign – Find the Hawthorne BEE! Month of July 2022 – Hawthorne Businesses Partnership with Chamber of Commerce and Hawthorne Green Team - Environmental Commission will be responsible for paying for the printing BEE materials.
 - e. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday June 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm
- V. Bird Walks – Spring 2022 Program
- a. Virtual Birding 101 Tuesday April 12, 2022; Zoom 7:30PM
 - a. Bird Walks at Goffle Brook Park - Saturday, April 23, Wednesday, May 11, and Saturday, June 4. Met at the Rea Mansion parking lot 675 Goffle Road.
 - b. Bird Walks at Eight Acre Woods - Sunday, May 29 and Saturday, June 18. The last one this summer. Meet at the entrance on Maitland Avenue near the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you Lisa and Holly and Pat. Fall bird walks dates will be decided and discussed at the next meeting.
- VI. Sustainable Jersey Re Certification – Completed and sent in. Will be reviewed
- a. In-Process Action Plans**
- 1. Efficient Landscape & Design
 - 2. Recycled Materials and Recycling not written up touch base in July
 - 3. Innovation Project – “Gateway to the Passaic River” ??; Rain Garden Action Plan expired; no longer eligible for SJ points; need to review; Postponed until August
 - 4. 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 Postponed until August
 - 5. Farmer’s Market and Making Farmers’ Market Accessible –SJ is in the process of Updating Action Plan; hold off initial submittal of information to SJ Postponed until August, Flyer is made 9-1:30. Rob is talking Friday, June 10, 2022, to vendors.
 - 6. Tree Hazard and Tree Inventory Information – waiting for Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
 - 7. Points have been made for Silver Certificate. Counting more for awards and recognition.
- b. Completed/Uploaded into SJ System**
- 1. Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)
 - 2. Community Forestry Plan, Tree Maintenance, Tree Hazard, and Tree Planting – - Completed, except for Tree Hazard and Tree Inventory Information
 - 3. Mayor’s Wellness Program
 - 4. Community Garden
 - 5. Community Food Pantry Bank & Soup Kitchen
 - 6. Anti Idling
 - 7. Emergency Communications Planning –
 - 8. Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies -

9. Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal -
10. Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan
11. Sustainable Land Use Pledge
12. Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy
13. Green Team
14. Shredding
15. Municipal Communication Strategy
16. Digitizing Public Information
17. Household Hazardous Waste
18. Brownfield Investigation/Assessment
19. Recycling Depot
20. Innovation Project – City Green Daffodil and Red Bud Tree Project in 2021
– Completed
21. Hawthorne Environmental Commission
22. Non-Mandated Materials for Recycling - Annual Recycling Tonnage Report
23. Recycling Education and Enforcement
24. Community Outreach and Education
25. Green Fair
26. “Green” Your Green Fair
27. Buy Local Campaign
28. Support Local Businesses
29. Adding to second round. Pleased so far on progress Rayna and the Mayor will attend Silver Certificate Award Ceremony. Thank you everyone.

- VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns,
- a. Craig – Suggestion: Paul’s Motor business is open to an Electrical Vehicle night. Discuss charging stations and electric vehicles. Craig will report back in July with further details.

**Virtual Joint Environmental Commission/Green Team
ZOOM Meeting
Monday July 25TH, 2022 at 7:30 pm**