



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
June 28, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Alexandra Soteriou, Elisabeth Barker, Maureen Cook, and Craig Cayetano

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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 June 28, 2021**

- a. Review April 26, 2021 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Bird Walks – Sunday April 25, 2021, Sunday May 2, 2021, May 23, 2021 and June 6, 2021 – – Hawthorne Goffle Brook Park – Rea Mansion Parking Lot at 9:00 am – Successful Bird Walks! Thank you Lisa and Holly for leading our Bird Walks; - Fall Walks Discussion - Month of October; will ask Veronica Ditko about adding Hawthorne Historical Sites to the Bird Walks; Bird Walks at the 8 Acre Woods and Rea Mansion – Goffle Brook Park

- c. 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
1. Spacing: 20-25 feet depending on location
  2. Update - Summary Total of 30 Signs
  3. Existing Posts/Fences- 4 (Pool) +3 (HHS) + 2 (Library) + 3 (Hawthorne Cubs Field) + 1 (Wag 2) + 2 (Haw Boro Hall) + 1 (Gateway) + 3 (Kohler Field) = 19 – **Next Step June:** Maureen will follow up with Eddie Mahoney on status of installation; will send an email to Pat, Carol, and Rayna on status
  4. New Posts Installed – 3 (Library) +2 (Ambulance) + 2 (Band Shell) + 4 (Wag field area) = 11
  5. Posts and Signs will be installed by Hawthorne Department of Public Works (DPW) – **Next Step:** Pat MacDonnell will confirm that all Anti Idling Signs are posted.
  6. Discussion on educational campaign once All signs are Installed and Posted – 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
- d. 10<sup>th</sup> Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 12, 2021 (Rain Date: September 19, 2021)
1. Time of Event 10:00 am to 1:30 pm; set-up 9:00 am
  2. Music – Hawthorne local musician – Matt and Kevin – Team agreed to hire a local band from Hawthorne; Rayna will contact
  3. Potential Vendors – Contact Them & Request Participation – Open to New Vendors/Organizations – ***Deadline for Commitment – Monday July 26, 2021***
    1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth – Rayna will contact
    2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Confirmed
    3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization - Tom – Mary will contact
    4. PCSPCA – Stephanie was going follow up
    5. BEAR Management – Doreen – Email will be sent
    6. City Green – Pat will contact
    7. Hawthorne Garden Club – Pat will contact Pat Wonder
    8. Pandora Healing – will re-assess
    9. Goffle Brook Farm – donate vegetable seeds – Maureen will contact Donna, Owner
    10. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) – Rayna will contact
    11. Knead-U-Need – Rayna will contact
    12. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Container Gardening, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Gateway to the Passaic River -
    13. Composting Demonstration – Mary

14. Hawthorne Birds – Holly & Lisa
15. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
16. Hawthorne School of Dance – Rosanne will contact Erin
17. The Learning Tree - Lisa will send an email
18. Pilates Fusion Changed to Beyond the Fitness Studio - 973-310-3919– Holly will contact new owner
19. Chet Scents – Soy Candles – Rayna will reach out to Donna
20. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Nutrition - Robin – Mary will contact
21. Electric Car - Park Ave BMW – Craig Confirmed
22. Hawthorne Railroad Association Will send an email
23. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Rayna will contact Dria
24. Cub Scouts – Kim – Rosanne will contact
25. Girl Scouts – Lauren - Rosanne will contact
26. Lincoln Landscaping “Native Plants” – Maureen will contact Mike
27. Reimagined Design - Stephanie Confirmed
28. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ – Rosanne will contact Veronica
29. Hawthorne Historical Society – Rosanne will contact Veronica
30. Bee Habitat – Mary Kostus – Holly will text Lianna for contact information
31. Yoga with Gianna – Holly will contact Gianna
32. DVRT – More appropriate National Night Out in August
33. Hawthorne Fire Department – Rosanne will contact
34. Fyke Nature Association – will re-assess
35. Anti-Idling Table – Be part of the Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Table
36. Wildbird Unlimited – Lisa will contact Owner
37. Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier
38. North East Jersey Beekeeper Association – Richard Stellingwerf at 201-693-2571 – Rosanne will contact
39. World Paper USA/Tick Information – Alexandra – Confirmed
40. Vegan Lifestyle – No farm animals; educate to promote plant based choices– Elisabeth Barker
41. Solar Company – Craig will contact -
42. Plug In EV Charger – Nick will email
43. Passaic River Coalition – Rayna will contact Laurie Howard
4. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
5. Publicity
  1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Ads
  2. Green Fair Signs – Maureen will double check on the # of signs
  3. Green Fair Flyers
  4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
6. Giveaways – Dog Tags and Can Opener out of recycled rubber
7. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control

e. Open Discussion – No items reported

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting  
Monday July 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

## **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