



**Virtual Meeting  
Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team - Minutes  
July 24, 2023**

**Attendance:** Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, and Maureen Cook

**Guests:** Craig Cayetano, Alexander Soteriou, and Rita Pinelli

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
  - a. Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – June 26, 2023
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Lisa DeVos
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Mike Mariani
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier – No update
- III. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    - 1. Friendly Reminder to All Gardeners - Removal of weeds along the walkways and garden beds; Also a reminder that it is carry in and carry out. – Pat will send an email to all gardeners
    - 2. To address the complaints of shade by some of the gardeners in the community garden; it was agreed by the Hawthorne Environmental Commission Chair, Town Arborist, Mayor, and Director of Public

Works that trees along the community garden will be trimmed back as well as the removal of two (2) Trees of Heaven – Work will be completed within a month, August – under the direction of Hawthorne’s Department of Public Works The shade Tree Commission and town are in charge of trimming and maintaining the trees and property. Gardeners may not take on that job and be patient.

3. Giving Tuesday – Donate Produce to Hawthorne Food Pantry This will be started in August when the gardens are producing. Pat will send an e-mail asking each of the gardeners to donate at least 1 item a week for the basket. Hawthorne is one of the few towns that accepts fresh produce.

- a. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday August 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm

IV. Find the Hawthorne BEE – Partnership Hawthorne Green Team and Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce

- a. Find the Hawthorne BEE Grand Celebration – Sunday July 30, 2023 at Noon – Located at Hawthorne Farmers’ Market 30 businesses participated this year. – All are welcome to attend the Hawthorne Bee Celebration at Noon

V. 12<sup>th</sup> Green Fair at Farmers Market – Sunday September 10, 2023 (Rain Date: September 17, 2023) Time of Event 10:00 am to 1:30 pm; set-up 9:00 am

- a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Green Team Brochure – Updated for 2023 please add 8 Acre Woods, And Virtual Meetings on the back page.
- b. Music – Hawthorne local musician – Matty Z – Rayna – Confirmed/Booked - \$350
- c. Potential Vendors – Contact Them & Request Participation – Open to New Vendors/Organizations – **Deadline for Commitment** – Friday August 4, 2023; Lisa will send email to vendors by July 7, 2023
  1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth
  2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Yes
  3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization - Tom - Mary No
  4. PCSPCA – Stephanie No
  5. BEAR Management – Doreen Yes, under the tree – shady spot
  6. City Green – Pat – In the past, unable to participate on weekend events
  7. Plant Swap - Leah Steenstra Genvario
  8. Hawthorne Gardening Neighborhood Club -Peggy Weber
  9. Lyme and Tick Disease/World Paper USA - Alexandra Yes
  10. Goffle Brook Farm – donate vegetable seeds – Maureen will contact Donna, Owner
  11. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) –
  12. Knead-U-Need – No
  13. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Container Gardening, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Gateway to the Passaic River - Yes
  14. Composting Demonstration – Mary; Alternative Option – Craig Waiting for response from company
  15. Hawthorne Birds – Holly & Lisa - Maybe
  16. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook Yes

17. Hawthorne School of Dance –Erin - Rayna to follow up
  18. The Learning Tree
  19. Pilates Fusion Changed to Beyond the Fitness Studio - 973-310-3919–  
Holly will contact new owner – Strong – Owner – Jared – Holly
  20. Electric Car - Park Ave BMW – Yes
  21. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Maureen
  22. Boy Scouts – Rich M
  23. Lincoln Landscaping “Native Plants” - Maureen will follow up
  24. Reimagined Design - Stephanie - No
  25. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ –Veronica - Yes
  26. Hawthorne Historical Society –Veronica/Jackie
  27. Yoga with Gianna – Rita will ask for another person - Maybe
  28. Hawthorne Fire Department – Rayna
  29. Hawthorne Ambulance Corp – Rita will reach out to Nancy - Yes
  30. Wildbird Unlimited – Lisa
  31. Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier Yes
  32. North East Jersey Beekeeper Association – Richard Stellingwerf at 201-  
693-2571 –No reply yet,
  33. Vegan Lifestyle – No farm animals; educate to promote plant based  
choices– Elisabeth Barker No reply yet
  34. Plug In EV Charger – Nick – No longer works at company; Another Name  
– Jesse Carpenter
  35. Passaic River Coalition –Laurie Howard
  36. Trinity Solar. Julie Saporito-Acuna [julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com](mailto:julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com);  
732-685-1744
  37. Prestige Pest Services – Favio Ulloa
  38. Cross Fit – Wagaraw Road – Dave Whitson – demonstration – Back Up
  39. Bee Hives – Goffle Hill Road – Lt. Hoogmond – Mary will make contact
  40. Identify Another EV Charger Contact Person – Craig -working on it
  41. Fair Lawn Amateur Radio – Mary No new officers
- d. Tables and Chairs for event – All vendors will provide their own tables and chairs
  - e. Publicity
    1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Electronic Boards at Boro Hall and throughout town
    2. Green Fair Signs – Mike Mariani will check on the number of signs and send e-mail with pictures to Rayna
    3. Green Fair Flyers
    4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
  - f. Giveaways – Dog Tags and Can Opener out of recycled rubber
  - g. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control

- VI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns  
 Craig asked about requesting elimination of Tree of Heaven on boro property.  
 Maureen asked to follow up with Kevin. We, Hawthorne Environmental Commission, is advising natural remedies. Information from NJ Department of Agriculture - posted on website, at Green Fair and Hawthorne Day events and Mayor’s letter. Craig suggested Tree Traps that was posted by Karen Young on facebook; Alexandra said education is the best way to stop the confusion..

**Virtual Meeting Hawthorne Environmental Commission  
 Thursday August 10, 2023 at 7:30 pm**