



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission - Minutes
August 10, 2023**

Attendance: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Robert Meir, Mike Mariani, and Charles Stebbins (8:12 pm)

Guests: Rita Pinelli and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
 - a. Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – July 24, 2023
Motion: Lisa DeVos; 2nd Motion: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier Nothing to report, meetings in August were cancelled
- III. Green Team Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 1. 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. Tree work to be completed by next week, August 14, 2023. Maureen followed up with Director DPW

2. 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 Completed. All participants received prizes. Thank you Rita and Mary for helping to distribute the Bee materials. TapNet, Gazette and the Mayor’s Letter posted winners.
- a. Find the Hawthorne BEE Grand Celebration – Sunday July 30, 2023 at Noon –
- V. 12th 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 – Lisa - 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 an email to vendors by July 7, 2023 Lisa will 2nd e-mail to non responders. New Response Date Friday August 25th
 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth Rayna to reach out
 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 - Mary will call Peggy as a follow up
 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 — Craig Addison Neighborhood Compost Team. Picks up food from residents and commercial properties to feed animals on her farm. Yes; Rita asked the question – Is NJ ready for compost collection? Answer no - there is not an established infrastructure for the food waste.
 15. Hawthorne Birds – Holly & Lisa -No

16. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook Yes
 17. Hawthorne School of Dance –Erin - Rayna will follow up by sending 2ND e-mail or text message
 18. The Learning Tree - will send 2nd e-mail
 19. Pilates Fusion Changed to Beyond the Fitness Studio - 973-310-3919– Holly will contact new owner – Strong – Owner – Jared – Holly send e-mail
 20. Electric Car - Park Ave BMW – Yes
 21. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Maureen – Yes
 22. Boy Scouts – Rich M - Rayna to call
 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 No
 27. Yoga with Gianna – Rita will ask for another person - No
 28. Hawthorne Fire Department – Rayna
 29. Hawthorne Ambulance Corp – Rita will reach out to Nancy - Yes
 30. Wildbird Unlimited – Lisa send e-mail
 31. Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier Yes
 32. North East Jersey Beekeeper Association – Richard Stellingwerf at 201-693-2571 –No reply; Commission agreed to local bee keeper in Hawthorne will be coming
 33. Vegan Lifestyle – No farm animals; educate to promote plant based choices– Elisabeth Barker No reply yet; will send 2nd e-mail
 34. Plug In EV Charger – Nick – No longer works at company; Another Name – Jesse Carpenter - will send 2nd e-mail
 35. Passaic River Coalition –Laurie Howard - send 2nd e-mail
 36. Trinity Solar. Julie Saporito-Acuna julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com; 732-685-1744 send e-mail Craig reaching out
 37. Prestige Pest Services – Favio Ulloa will send 2nd e-mail
 38. Cross Fit – Wagaraw Road – Dave Whitson – demonstration – Back Up
 39. Bee Hives – Goffle Hill Road – Lt. Hoogmond – Mary contacted with Lt. Matt Hoogmood; Matt will have table with information and then come around 11-11:30
 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 Get out by mid August
 2. Green Fair Signs – Mike Mariani – Confirmed # of signs Will get missing brackets from Maureen
 3. Green Fair Flyers Mike will update flyer with 2023 dates – Digital form only required
 4. Lisa updated revised brochure and discussed at meeting .
 5. 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 - None

**Virtual Meeting Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Thursday September 14, 2023 at 7:30 pm**