



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
August 28, 2023**

**Attendance:** Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon Pat MacDonnell, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Mike Mariani, Charles Stebbins, Rita Pinelli, Alexandra Soteriou, Craig Cayetano, Michael and Janet Turco

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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 August 28, 2023**

- a. Review July 24, 2023 - Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2023 Growing Season!
  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
  2. Donate Food to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry - Giving Tuesdays
- c. Bird Walks 2023 Fall Dates Wednesday Sept 27, Sunday Oct 22, and Sunday Nov 5 at 8 Acre Woods - Lisa will prepare notices for Rayna to hand out at Green Fair. Also, Lisa will update the press release and send it to Rayna for distribution.

- d. Hawthorne Green Map – Framed Green Maps for Boro Hall, Hawthorne Library, public and private schools and 11 x 17 green maps Updated after 10 years. QR code set in maps. Will be posted on Hawthorne Environmental Commission’s Website
  1. Council Meeting – End of September/October Schools invited will be 7 PM at  
Borough hall Mary to contact St Anthonys and Hawthorne Gospel.
  2. Hawthorne Board of Education – October Meeting – October 17, 2023
  3. St. Anthony’s School
  4. Hawthorne Christian School
  
- e. 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
  1. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Green Team Brochure – Lisa - - Updated & Completed Will drop off to Rayna
  2. Music – Hawthorne local musician – Matty Z – Rayna – Confirmed/Booked - \$350
  3. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail to non responders. New Response Date Friday August 25th
    - a) Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth Rayna to reach out – No
    - b) Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Yes
    - c) BEAR Management – Doreen Yes, under the tree – shady spot
    - d) City Green – Pat – In the past, unable to participate on weekend events - No
    - e) Plant Swap - Leah Steenstra Genvario Need to identify plants
    - f) Hawthorne Gardening Neighborhood Club -Peggy Weber - Mary will call Peggy as a follow up – Yes
    - g) Lyme and Tick Disease/World Paper USA - Alexandra - Yes
    - h) Goffle Brook Farm – donate vegetable seeds – Maureen will contact Donna, Owner
    - i) Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) – Rayna will reach out - No
    - j) Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Container Gardening, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Gateway to the Passaic River - Yes
    - k) Composting Demonstration — Craig Addison Neighborhood Compost Team. Picks up food from residents and commercial properties to feed animals on her farm.- Yes
    - l) Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook Yes
    - m) Hawthorne School of Dance –Erin - Rayna will follow up by sending 2<sup>ND</sup> e-mail or text message – No
    - n) The Learning Tree - will send 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail – No
    - o) Pilates Fusion Changed to Beyond the Fitness Studio - 973-310-3919– Holly will contact new owner – Strong – Owner – Jared – Holly send e-mail – No
    - p) Electric Car - Park Ave BMW – Yes 2 cars
    - q) Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Maureen – Yes
    - r) Boy Scouts – Rich M - Rayna to call/text Yes
    - s) Lincoln Landscaping “Native Plants” - Maureen will follow up - Yes
    - t) A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ –Veronica - Yes

- u) Hawthorne Fire Department – Rayna – Yes
- v) Hawthorne Ambulance Corp – Rita will reach out to Nancy – Yes  
Rita will check if bringing the rig
- w) Wildbird Unlimited – Lisa send e-mail - No
- x) Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier - Yes
- y) Vegan Lifestyle – No farm animals; educate to promote plant based choices– Elisabeth Barker No reply yet; will send 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail - No
- z) Plug In EV Charger – Nick – No longer works at company;  
Another Name – Jesse Carpenter - will send 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail – No
- aa) Passaic River Coalition –Laurie Howard - send 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail – No
- bb) Trinity Solar. Julie Saporito-Acuna [julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com](mailto:julie.saporito-acuna@trinity-solar.com); 732-685-1744 send e-mail Craig reaching out Rayna spoke to Nick. Started 3 weeks ago may come
- cc) Prestige Pest Services – Favio Ulloa will send 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail – No
- dd) Cross Fit – Wagaraw Road – Dave Whitson – demonstration – Back Up
- ee) 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
- ff) Identify Another EV Charger Contact Person – Craig -working on it
- gg) Bogie’s Hoagies – Food Truck – Yes - Confirmed

4. Tables and Chairs for event – All vendors will provide their own tables and chairs; Boro will bring tables for Commission and Recycling

#### 5. Publicity

1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Electronic Boards at Boro Hall and throughout town Get out by mid August Rayna to send copy to Maureen Need a photographer. Send e-mail to volunteer
  2. Green Fair Signs – Mike Mariani – Confirmed # of signs Will get missing brackets from Maureen Completed Mike to set up the week of September 4, 2023 to publicity the Green Fair
  3. Green Fair Flyers Mike will update flyer with 2023 dates – Digital form only required – Completed and Distributed via Social Media
  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
  8. Hold & Harmless Form – Lisa will print out and drop them off at Rayna’s house prior to the event.
- f. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 30, 2023 – Need Volunteers Pat will send out e-mail requesting for volunteers. Lisa and Holly will be able to stay all day
  - g. September 2023 Meeting – Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Joint Meeting – Monday September 25, 2023; due to being together at the Green Fair.
  - h. Open Discussion Oct 14, 2023 Polystyrene Drive, rain date October 21<sup>st</sup> Check for scout volunteers. Flyers all set and press release will be updated and distributed by Rayna Rita will prepare the Kids Newsletter for November timeframe. Janet suggested insects and/or animal hibernation; Rita will set up a spreadsheet to keep track of topics covered by previous newsletters

**Joint Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team ZOOM  
Meeting  
Monday September 25, 2023 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