



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting - Minutes
October 12, 2023**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Lisa Cowen, Holly DeVos, Robert Meier, Charles Stebbins, and Maureen Cook

Guests: Rita Pinelli, Janet and Mike Turco, Craig Cayetano, and Carol Robertson

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting Pat Rob
 - a. Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – September 25, 2023
1st Motion: Lisa DeVos 2nd Motion: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier - There have been no meetings
- III. 2024 Meeting Dates and Events – *To Be Discussion – Draft*
 - a. 2024 Hawthorne Environmental Commission – 2nd Thursday of the month
 - b. 2024 Hawthorne Green Team – 4th Monday of the month
 - c. 32nd Cel Earth Bration Hawthorne High School – Saturday April 13, 2024 - Rayna will check with the High School
 - d. Hawthorne Shred Day Maureen to check for May 4TH, May 11TH back up
 - e. Annual June Environmental Program Hawthorne High School Auditorium – Monday June 10, 2024
 - f. Polystyrene Collection Day – Saturday January 6, 2024; Snow/Rain Date: January 13, 2024

- g. Polystyrene Collection Day – Saturday October 5, 2024; Rain Date: October 19, 2024
 - h. Hawthorne Green Fair at Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 8, 2024; Rain Date: September 15, 2024
 - i. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 28, 2024
- IV. Green Team Meeting
- a. Community Garden
 - 1. Giving Tuesday – Donate Produce to Hawthorne Food Pantry 9 pounds collected last week, week of October 2, 2023. Pat to send out reminder of cleaning garden beds
 - 2. First Right for Refusal – 2024 Community Garden Season to all gardeners
 - b. Bird Walks 2023 Fall Dates - Wednesday Sept 27, Sunday Oct 22, and Sunday Nov 5 at 9:00 am; Location - 8 Acre Woods Rayna thanked Lisa and Holly. She has gotten positive feed back. New people for Wednesday’s walk.
 - c. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday October 23, 2023 at 7:30 pm
- V. Hawthorne Day Saturday September 30, 2023 – Thank All for volunteering – Rayna Laiosa, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, and Charles Stebbins for Hawthorne Day
- VI. Sunday October 8th, 2023 Boy Scouts Troop 85 – Identify trees and plants in the 8 Acre Woods; Index Card will be placed in plastic bags and tied around the trees/plants for identification. They sent a photo. Lisa will check on next birdwalk.
- VII. Polystyrene Day – Saturday October 14, 2023 (Rain date October 21, 2023) Flyers and press release distributed. Nixle and social media; Traffic Control at Hawthorne Pool Complex Parking lot. Boy Scouts are coming to help. The rain date has been activated. Parties volunteering have been notified. Pat to send out e-mail for volunteers for Polystyrene Drive for next Saturday October 21, 2023. Craig will fix Jpeg flyer with inserting the words “rain date activated”. Once flyer is updated, it will be sent back to Rayna and then it will be distributed on social media. If worse scenario it rains October 21, 2023 again, it was discussed that it would be cancelled and communicated that the event will be reschedule in January 2024. January 2024 date will be confirmed with the Boro.
- VIII. Hawthorne Green Map – Confirmed Presentation Dates
- a. Council Meeting – Confirmed Wednesday October 18, 2023 – Presented Green Map to Boro Hall, Library, and St. Anthony’s School & Hawthorne Christian Academy; St. Anthony’s, Sister Mary Jackson, Hawthorne Christian Academy, Marcia Rainey, and Monica Smith, Library, have confirmed attendance at Council Meeting.
 - b. Hawthorne BOE Meeting – Confirmed Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm – Confirmed
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns
- a. Spotted Lanternfly Update - Thank you to Lisa for posting Lantern Fly information on Facebook. Discussion of egg masses identification and removal discussed. Mary offered that Neem oil is safe for plants.

**Virtual Meeting Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Thursday November 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm**