



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes  
October 14, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Carol Robertson, and Mike Mariani

Guests: Charles Stebbins

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – September 9, 2021  
Motion: Robert Meier      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Carol Robertson
- II. Planning Board Report – Reported by Robert Meier – Discussed the grocery store proposal located at Wagaraw Road – former gas service station/ part of shotmeyer property; 159 parking spaces
- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – September 2021 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, except for PFOA and PFOS. Hawthorne sent a letter to all customers notifying them of the PFOA and PFOS levels. At the recent Council meeting, September 1, 2021, Hawthorne awarded Boswell design contract for the PFOA/PFOS treatment system; Boro created a PFAS webpage for our water customers - [Hawthorne Water System Update- PFAS | Hawthorne, NJ \(hawthornenj.org\)](https://www.hawthornenj.org)

- IV. Kids Corner Newsletter
  - a. Moving Newsletter to Quarterly instead of Monthly – 1) February 2) April/May, 3) June/July/August, and 4) Sept/Oct/Nov – Will discuss at next meeting in September – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Issue – Fall Plants & Animal Behavior Changes – Types of Apple, applesauce, pumpkins, animals (groundhogs, squirrels, fox) getting ready for winter; getting ready for hibernation, deer awareness Sept to November change of sun setting/time change; mating season; daylight savings – Halloween? - No update
  
- V. Green Team Meeting
  - a. 10<sup>th</sup> Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 12, 2021 (Rain Date: September 19, 2021 – Event went very well; lots of interaction with the community, lots of vendors/participants, band was very good; school of dance – great performance; worked out very well that everyone brought their own tables and chairs; - evaluate for 2022 green fair – to mix the green fair vendors with the farmers’ market vendor
  - b. Community Garden – Gardeners clean out garden beds, 2022 community garden season email; Communicate/advocate to the gardeners to donate their excess food to the hawthorne food pantry; Only 19 lbs of food donated in 2021
  - c. Container Gardening Winners – Megan Trioli-Cassibba and Giovanni Cassibba and Joni Huston; Oct 3, 2021 Hawthorne Farmers’ Market gave Megan and Giovanni - \$15 gift card to RH Farms and (2) vegetable seed packages; Will arrange another date and time to met with Joni Huston; All gift certificates were generously donated by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and Goffle Brook Farms.
  - d. Help the Hawthorne BEE Litter Date – Discussion - Sunday November 7, 2021 (rain date Sunday November 14, 2021) – 8 Acre Woods – grabbers, bags, gloves
  - e. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday October 25 2021 at 7:30 pm
  
- VI. Hawthorne Day Saturday September 25, 2021 – Went Very well! Thank you to all of our volunteers who participated at Hawthorne Day!
  
- VII. Polystyrene Collection Date – Saturday October 16, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Hawthorne Pool Parking Lot; Rain Date Saturday October 23, 2021
  - a. Confirmed Haskell facility will acceptable polystyrene material;
  - b. Request 40 cubic yard and Haw Recycling pick up truck for the overflow of materials.
  - c. Press Release & Flyer – Mike Mariani Completed and Distributed
  - d. Volunteers Requested – Maureen, Rayna and Carol – entire time; Rayna reached out to Boy Scout Troop 30 leader to request additional volunteers to assist the Green Team
    - 1. 8:45 am to 10:00 am, - Rosanne, Mary, and Pat
    - 2. 10:00 am to 11:00 am, - Alexandra (10:00 to 11:30 am); Mike M (10:30 am)
    - 3. 11:00 am to container full- Charles Stebbins
  - e. Pool Complex – Used by PSE&G storage of equipment and vehicles; Rayna will contact the Police and Maureen Cook to ensure we have clear access to the pool complex;
  - f. Need to Bring the Following: clicker (2 – # of vehicles and # of plastic bags) – designate people; fiber cloth/brush, garbage bags, recycling bags; plastic bags for the polystyrene, table (Maureen)

VIII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step – None

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ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday November 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm**