



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
October 25, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Maureen Cook, Rita Pinelli, Elisabeth Barker, and Craig Cayetano

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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 October 25, 2021**

- a. Review July 26, 2021 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. 10<sup>th</sup> Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 12, 2021 – went very well; worked out good with vendors bringing tables and chairs; Improvement for next year – put more green fair vendors with the farmers’ market
- c. Polystyrene Collection Day Saturday October 16, 2021 – Collected 126 plastic bags of polystyrene and 115 cars participating! – went very well

- d. Community Garden – Gardeners clean out garden beds, 2022 community garden season update – waiting to hear back from 5 gardeners; Communicate/advocate to the gardeners to donate their excess food to the Hawthorne food pantry; Only 19 lbs of food donated in 2021; Rita will evaluate the remaining garden beds that need to be cleaned out. Winter 2022 – community garden gardeners meeting only; encourage all attendees to participate; improve the garden conditions; remove weeds and grass in the walkways; Water shut off by the DPW week of October 18, 2021; Carol will pick the water hose
- e. Container Gardening Winners – Issued Press Release; 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.
- f. Hawthorne BEE Litter Date – ~~Sunday November 7, 2021 (rain date Sunday November 14, 2021)~~ – 8 Acre Woods – grabbers, bags, gloves; New Dates Saturday Nov 6 at 11:30 am – 8 Acre Woods; Rain Date Saturday Nov 13 at 11:30 am; Press Release update information – Pat; Meeting Place: Maitland Avenue Adjacent to Boys & Girls Club
- g. Anti-Idling Signs –
  - 1. Update - Summary Total of 30 Signs
  - 2. Existing Posts/Fences- 4 (Pool) +3 (HHS) + 2 (Library) + 3 (Hawthorne Cubs Field) + 1 (Wag 2) + 2 (Haw Boro Hall) + 1 (Gateway) + 3 (Kohler Field) = 19
  - 3. New Posts Installed – 3 (Library) +2 (Ambulance) + 2 (Band Shell) + 4 (Wag field area) = 11
  - 4. Posts and Signs will be installed by Hawthorne Department of Public Works (DPW) – Next Step: Pat MacDonnell will confirm that all Anti Idling Signs are posted and report to Rayna and Maureen with status. **Next Step:** Bamford Avenue – Outstanding – Pat will conduct a re-site visit to confirm anti idling sign.
  - 5. Discussion on educational campaign once All signs are Installed and Posted – a) Join ‘forces’ with the police to educate and share information about anti idling by sending and communicating weekly (month long campaign); b) Maybe have school children involved with a contest about making posters about anti idling, and/or c) Maybe have some sort of handout at the town gas stations they can give out
- h. Open Discussion
  - 1. Plastic and Polystyrene Ban May 2022; Plastic Straw Ban Nov 4, 2021 – discussion
  - 2. Polystyrene 2022 – Pool Complex Tentative Date ??? Saturday January 8, 2022??? Rayna will follow up with Maureen

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting  
Monday November 22, 2021 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