



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes
November 11, 2021**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, and Mike Mariani
Guests: Charles Stebbins and Rita Pinelli

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – October 14, 2021
1st Motion: Pat MacDonnell 2nd Motion: Carol Robertson
- II. Planning Board Report – Reported by Robert Meier – No report
- III. 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 – 4th 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? Draft November 2021 Newsletter reviewed and approved by Rayna Nov 8, 2021; Nov 9, 2021 Sent to Mr. Spirito for distribution; Rayna will distribute to Lisa for Facebook, and send to local newspapers/boro’s website - Completed

- IV. Green Team Meeting
- a. Community Garden – Growing Season 2022 – **there will be two (2) 4 x 8 garden beds available in January 2022**; Selection of the Upgrade Garden Bed 4 x 12 – Marc Walker and Victor Tamburro – Pat MacDonnell picked a name out of a bag; Winner is Victor Tamburro!!!! Rayna will communicate to the gardeners.
 - b. Community Garden Status of the Garden Bed – Confirmed Barbara Wagner and Jackie Rubenacker – beds are empty; remaining tomato cages that need to be removed from the garden; Pat will send an email to gardeners reminding no materials are allowed to be stored at the community garden; Clean out is Thanksgiving weekend! Pat will double check to ensure all garden beds are cleaned out for the season; Pat winterize the bulletin board and remove the community garden signs on fence; Pat will follow up with Barbara P regarding the 5 gallon white pail
 - c. Help the Hawthorne BEE Litter Date – Discussion – Saturday November 6, 2021 (rain date Saturday November 13 2021) – 8 Acre Woods – grabbers, bags, gloves; Press Release Summary was issued to Gazette & Tap Into Hawthorne; 25 participants including 8 Environmental Commissioners & Hawthorne BEE.
 - d. Buy Local Campaign for the Upcoming Holiday Season Discussion – Hawthorne Green Team and Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce working together; Mike/Brenda will re-design the Holiday poster (remove the Hawthorne First website address; make the same font/text Shop & Dine Local”); 11 x 17 poster printing; request pricing for 150 and 200 copies from Marc Moleno Designs; potentially double sided posters, Rayna will prepare the cover letter to businesses and the press release, Rayna/Meg will develop a list of participants, and Lisa will develop a template for the Facebook announcement
 - e. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday November 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm
- V. 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. 115 Vehicles and 126 plastics bags of polystyrene collected!
 - b. Confirmed Haskell facility will acceptable polystyrene material;
 - c. 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
 - d. 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; All resolved by the Hawthorne Police
 - e. 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)- Completed
 - f. Next Polystyrene Collection Day – Tentatively Saturday January 8, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain/Snow Date Saturday January 15, 2022; Maureen will follow up with the Fire Department (pool parking lot selling of Christmas trees and wreaths) to arrange for an area for the Polystyrene collection from our residents
- VI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Step

- a. Bird Walk at the 8 Acre Woods Sunday November 21, 2021 at 10:00 am. Lisa and Holly will prepare a press release and promote on Facebook & Nixle

**Virtual Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Hawthorne
Green Team
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday December 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm**