



## Environmental Commission Minutes January 12, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, Hazel Pinos, and Robert Meier  
Guests: Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting Minutes – December 8,, 2016  
Motion by: Rosanne Zagatta, Second by: Hazel Pinos
  
- II. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia
  - a. Royal Realty, LLC –Next Hearing on December 6, 2016 Board meeting –  
Adjourned until further notice
  
- III. 2017 Planning
  - a. 2017 Re-Appointments – Robert Meier, Hazel Pinos, and Patricia MacDonnell  
Dubois (expire December 31, 2016) - Confirmed
  
- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden – 2017 Growing Season – Garden Beds Available –  
February 2017 Applications will be made available; Rayna will update the forms  
and submit for the Borough website. Issue Press Releases to the Hawthorne  
Press, Gazette, and Facebook pages
    - 1.Next Step: Mike Mariani will store the water hose for the Gardeners  
at his house – Completed
    - 2.Next Step: Rayna will follow-up with Katie Webster to confirm  
returning or not returning for the 2017 growing season
  - b. Native Plant Project – Please see below
  - c. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday January 30, 2017 at the Hawthorne  
Library**
  
- V. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 22, 2017 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - a. Theme – “25 Years Celebrating the Earth; Logo – Earth in the middle with the  
words around it 25 Years Celebrating the Earth! with Hawthorne Environmental  
Commission below it; Brenda, Mike Mariani’s wife, designed our 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary logo. It looks great!
  - b. Prepare and Submit School Use Application – BOE – Room 120, Room 111,  
cafeteria, auditorium, and classrooms; Ensure Sound System is working in  
Auditorium; Coordinate with HHS Principal – Completed and submitted by  
Rosanne Zagatta
  - c. All documents to be distributed in system must be reviewed and approved by  
Rick Spirito; Once approval is given, distribute to the Principals of each of the  
schools
  - d. Request Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Distribute letters by March 1,  
2017, Next Step: Rayna will look for last year’s letters and send them to Rosanne  
to be updated.

- e. Green Project Contest – “25 Years Celebrating the Earth”; Rosanne will prepare and submit letters to the Teachers - Distribute letters by March 1, 2017; deadline for registration **Mrs. McAllister at Jefferson School** April 12, 2017 Next Step: Rayna will look for last year’s letters and send them to Rosanne to be updated.
  - 1.Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses; need donation letter
  - 2.Create 2017 Business List – See Excel spreadsheet - Reviewed and donations are coming in!
  - 3.Certificates – None; same as last year 2015/2016
  - 4.Judges –
  - 5.1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Displayed at the Hawthorne Library – Mary will follow up with the Library Director
- f. Potential Entertainment/Vendors
  - 1.Rizzo Reptile – Booked \$600; two (2) shows
  - 2.Hawks/Falcons – Booked by Rosanne/Bob \$250; one (1) show
  - 3.Beekeeper- Rob will follow-up
  - 4.Environmental Career Panel/Discussion – discussed and agreed not this year
  - 5.Facepainting/Tattoos/Sponges – Rosanne
  - 6.Giveaways for the Middle School Games – Rosanne – Pencils, Dog Tags, Bracelets
  - 7.Craft Workshop – Mary Mahon – paper tissue flowers, bees out of pipe cleaners, will bring samples at next meeting; coloring pages – Native Plants
  - 8.Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Native Plants
  - 9.Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Need to follow up with the new Chairperson
  - 10. Flo’s Market – Rayna will follow-up with Ellen
  - 11. Request – Sewing School participation and Stephanie Tonnesen, local resident, will conduct the “Re-Purpose Clothes” workshop
  - 12. Chet Scents
  - 13. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bration; Raffles – plants???
  - 14. Hawthorne High School Ecology Club – Dirt Cake Scott Chrimel
  - 15. Viridian Energy – Hazel
  - 16. Hawthorne Pediatrics – Hazel – Confirmed
  - 17. Make Vendor Table Signs
- a. Trashion Show - Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing
  - 1.Save the Date Flyer – Hazel
  - 2.Trashion Certificate
  - 3.Trashion Prizes
- g. Tentative Schedule of Events – Need two (2) Posters
  - 1.Rizzo – 11:00 to 11:45 am
  - 2.Rizzo – 12:00 to 12:45 pm
  - 3.Hawks – 10:15 to 11:00 am
  - 4.Trashion – 1:00 pm
  - 5.Award Ceremony – 1:30 pm
- h. Publicity/Press Release
  - 1.Channel 77
  - 2.Nextel Alerts
  - 3.Hawthorne Press/Gazette
  - 4.Borough Website
  - 5.Facebook pages

- 6. Signs - Doubled sided wording
  - 7. Fliers for local businesses
  - 8. Save the Date Flyer – Hazel
  - 9. Timeline – Mural - Hazel
  - i. Buttons – Local vendor – Bounty’s Plunder by Amanda
  - j. T-Shirt - Black T-Shirt with three (3) colors; Designed by Brenda
  - k. Shredding Day – Recommendation – Combine Project Medicine Box collection with the Shredding Day; Promote the awareness and how to dispose prescriptions safely
  - l. Photographer
  - m. Special Invitations – Communicate to BOE, Mayor, and Council members
  - n. Thank You Poster – Need to Make a Poster - Mike Mariani
  - o. Materials for Prizes/Event – Paper Clips, Binder clips, crayons, markers, magnets, envelopes, elmer glue, index cards, scotch tape, Karaoke machine for Cafeteria, Bob Maggio – extension cords, elastic rubber bands, hole punch- Request items from team members to bring to Cel-Earth-Bration
  - p. Green Table clothes – Rayna
- VI. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Awarded \$2,000 April 2016 – Native Plant Innovation Project
- a. Native Plant Sign for the identified areas – Team Discussed the Design Layout; Agreed 9 x 12 Sign “Native Plants Live Here” Hawthorne Environmental Commission and SJ Logo on Sign, Coneflower with Bee and Flower with Butterfly; Mike prepared draft designs of the Native Plant sign; Must purchase the Art work for the Native Plant Sign; Estimated Costs for each image is \$250. Loved the design, but cannot afford the art work; Mary Mahon volunteered to draw the native plants for the Sign; Mary will work with Brenda and Mike. Next Meeting – Revised Native Plant will be discussed.
- VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps:
- a. PFNA – On January 11, 2017 reported by NJ Spotlight - NJDEP’s Commissioner has accepted the Drinking Water Quality Institute Recommendation to Propose Rule Making to establish a Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Limit (MCL) for PFNA 0.013 parts per billion (13 parts per trillion); As reported in EPA’s Unregulated Monitoring Program, Hawthorne levels are below the Minimum Reporting Limit of 0.020 parts per billion (20 parts per trillion) for PFNA. Rayna will communicate to the Borough Administration and Borough Engineer on the latest developments; Commission will continue to monitor the developments of the proposed rulemaking.
  - b. Robert Meier – “Take Back the Tap” Program Discussion
  - c. Rosanne Zagatta – Completed and submitted the School Use Application for the Annual June Environmental Program to the BOE

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
February 9, 2017 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**