



## Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes February 27, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mike Mariani, and Robert Meier

Guests: Mary Mahon, Patty Elwood, Candice Soder, Maureen Cook and Carol Robertson

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017 – Moved to March 16, 2017 Meeting
  - b. Green Team Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2017 – Reviewed and Approved
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports January 2017 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia – Moved to next meeting in March 2017
- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden – 2017 Growing Season – Two (2) 4 x8 Garden Beds Available – Application Deadline February 17, 2017; Received one (1) Application from Hawthorne Resident; Will Re- advertise that one (1) garden bed is still available for residents
  - b. Native Plant Project – Please see below
  - c. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday March 27, 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”
  - 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. Process of Distributing Flyers/Communication to the School System – Send to Rick Spirito for approval, then to all Principals
  - d. Request Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Distribute letters by March 1, 2017, Next Step: Rayna sent the 2016 letters to Rosanne as examples.
  - e. Green Project Contest – “25 Years Celebrating the Earth!”; Rosanne prepared and submitted letters to the Teachers - Distribute letters by March 1, 2017; deadline for registration **Mrs. McAllister at Jefferson School** April 12, 2017 Next Step: Rayna sent Final 2017 letters to Rosanne for review/approval. Rosanne will send to Rick Spirito (approval) for distribution
    1. Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses; need donation letter – Prepared and Provided to Commissioners and Green Team members - Completed
    2. Create 2017 Business List
    3. Certificates – None; same as last year 2015/2016 - Agreed

4. Judges – TBD
  5. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Displayed at the Hawthorne Library – Mary will follow up with the Library Director - Confirmed
- 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. Facepainting/Tattoos/Sponges – Rosanne
  5. Giveaways for the Middle School Games – Rosanne – Pencils, Dog Tags, Bracelets
  6. Craft Workshop – Native Plants with Bees; coloring of flowers; Mary presented to the Team – Tissue paper flowers, bee made out of pipe cleaners, hand drawn native plants designed by Mary for coloring; Next Step: Rayna will send Mary a list of native plants perennials utilized at our Identified Sites in Hawthorne – Completed; Next Step: Carol will provide color pictures of the native plants to Mary.
  7. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Native Plant Launch – Create Bulletin Board – Mary and Carol is working on the Bulletin.
  8. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Need to follow up with the new Chairperson
  9. Hawthorne Recycling – Create Bulletin Board on Hawthorne’s Recycling Program; 2017 Calendar has pictures
  10. Flo’s Market – Rob will follow up with Ellen
  11. Request – Sewing School participation and Stephanie Tonnesen, local resident, will conduct the “Re-Purpose Clothes” workshop - Confirmed
  12. Chet Scents – Rayna will contact Donna
  13. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bratton; Raffles – plants???
  14. Hawthorne High School Ecology Club – Dirt Cake Scott Chrimel
  15. Viridian Energy – Hazel - In-process
  16. Hawthorne Pediatrics – Hazel – Confirmed
  17. Bear Resource Management - Confirmed
  18. Make Vendor Table Signs - Rayna
- 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 – Mike will get pricing from Marc Molernaro

- 7. Fliers for local businesses and school system for Distribution – Carol Southside of Goffle Road and Wagaraw Road; Mary – Warburten Avenue and Lafayette Avenue; Patty – Diamond Bridge Avenue
  - 8. Save the Date Flyer – Hazel
  - 9. Timeline – Mural - Hazel
  - i. Buttons – Local vendor – Bounty’s Plunder by Amanda; 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrating the Earth Logo Buttons; Native Plants Bee and Butterfly
  - j. T-Shirt - Black T-Shirt with three (3) colors; Designed by Brenda – Maureen is working with Marc on pricing.
  - 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. Identified Chamber Member Locations
    - 1. Paul’s Motor – Mary- Interested – large pot 19 x 21; suggestion elder berry; Mary and Patty conducted a site visit to determine what is appropriate for the large pot – Commission agreed that winterberry holly will be planted in the pots. Received mixed information from Rohsler’s about potted winterberry holly; 01-0-2017 Team Agreed Dwarf Nine Bark plant; Next Step: Carol will contact Rohsler’s for pricing; Once we have pricing for plant, humus, and pot, we will contact Paul’s Motor – Mary contact person to Diane.
  - b. Identified Borough Owned Property Locations
    - 1. Hawthorne Bandshell – Administration/Mayor is interested; Will re-evaluate the types of native plants in September – Carol will propose native plants for the two areas. Carol proposed native plant design of New Jersey Tea, Big Bluestem, and Potentilla fruticosa “Coronation Triumph” – Team agreed; Next Step: Carol will contact Rohsler’s for pricing of plants and humus; Next Step: Maureen will follow-up with DPW sprinkler system fixed due to lines broken during the construction of the Band Shell. Confirmed 1-31-2017 by Maureen Cook that the sprinkler system was fixed.
    - 2. Hawthorne Ambulance Corp – Transplant milkweed from the Library; purchase blazing star, and coreopsis; Next Step: Carol will contact Rohsler’s for pricing for plants and humus; Mary will contact John Lane on our native plant plans.
  - c. Grant Budget
    - 1. Spent - Native Plant Purchased Rohsler’s Nursery approximately \$1,100
    - 2. Spent - Sprinkler System at Library approximately \$100
    - 3. Remaining Funds of \$800 – printing materials, advertisement, and native plants/soil, plant stakes and native plant sign, etc. Discussed the Native Plant Signs approximate costs of \$250 (1 to 2 week delivery time needed; lasts approximately 5 years); Plants \$400 and Native

Plant Identified Signs \$100; Carol will get pricing for the native plants and materials from Rohsler's for next meeting in March.

d. Next Steps:

1. Individual Native Plant Signs – Rayna - Team reviewed and agreed to order the heavy duty 21 inch metal stakes with the weatherproof labels. Need to find someone with a laser printer to print out the labels of the native plants. Rayna will contact Marc Molenaro for assistance.
2. Native Plant Sign for the identified areas – Team Discussed the Design Layout; Agreed 9 x 12 Sign “Native Plants Live Here” Hawthorne Environmental Commission, Hawthorne Green Team and SJ Logo on Sign, Coneflower with Bee and Flower with Butterfly;
3. Create the Final Native Plant Designs for Borough Hall (Patty), Puzo's (Carol) and Magic Carousel (Patty) and develop instructions on the maintenance of the native plants for each of the sites; Reviewed Patty's handwritten native plant design of areas; Identified the missing native plants on the Municipal building areas; need to double check in the field (Carol) - Completed. Next Step: Rayna will send Patty the missing plants at the Borough Hall and Puzos.
4. In October 2016, Green Team proposed additional sprinkler heads at Borough Hall to Eric Maurer; Rayna will follow-up with Eric

- e. Publicity/Website/Grand Opening – Local newspapers highlight each business/borough owned property; Discussed a Collective Button for the Launch of the Native Plant Project Next Step: Maureen will follow-up on the Borough's website upgrade. Green Team would like to start to post the Native Plant Webpage Site.

VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps: None

**Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**March 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm**  
**Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**