

Hawthorne Green Idea Committee Minutes May 18, 2009

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Christina Auger Sarah Kiefer

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources (vision statement?)
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification

Topics Discussed at Meeting

Brainstormed the ideas that Hawthorne needs to be committed to in order to be a sustainable municipality

- Education with school system, town residents
- recycled paper for printing purposes
- cloth or plastic reusable shopping bags
- protect and preserve the groundwater
- Encourage sustainable building materials, energy efficient appliances, sealing and caulking windows, insulation of attic
- Implement Sustainable practices – Lifestyle daily changes – unplug appliances, switch lights off, setting thermostat
- Reduce solid waste and increase recycling materials

Next Step:

Further brainstorm, and discuss Christina's progress with the Energy audit and carbon footprint research

Next Meeting June 15, 2009 at Louis Bay 2nd Library, 7:30pm