



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: October 23, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Patty Elwood, Carol Robertson, and Jack Systma

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 10-23-2017:

- a. Review September 7, 2017 Environmental Commission/Green Team minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Harvest Celebration – October 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm Ambulance Building Corp – Low attendance – 3 gardeners participated.
 - ii. Suggestions – Saturday Work Day Spring 2018 – Mulch; Green Team bring coffee and donuts
 - i. Donation to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry – As of September 25, 2017
 - a. Tomatoes 60.4 lbs.
 - b. Eggplants 1.5 lbs.
 - c. Peppers 3.14 lbs.
 - d. Cucumbers 4 lbs.
 - e. 2017 Grand Total of 69.04 lbs.
 - f. 2016 Grand Total of 52 lbs.
 - ii. Communication (e-mail and facebook) – Clean out Garden Beds, First Refusal, and Goffle Brook Farm & Garden – pH soil test – no charge – Deadline Monday November 6, 2017
- c. 7th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 10, 2017 (rain date Sunday September 17, 2017); It went very well. Well attended by the community.
 - i. 2018 Green Fair - Team recommends to contact Hawthorne Police for traffic cones and “Slow Down” signs on Grand Avenue
 - ii. 2018 Green Fair – Enhance Promotion of Native Plant Program – Goffle Brook Farms sell native plants; RH Farms sell native plants – Rob will contact the owners; Garrett’s Farm in Fair Lawn has annually native plant sale
- d. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 23, 2017 (Native Plant Project, Community Garden, Green Map, Anti-Idling) – Thank you to Rosanne and Pat for leading our Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team booth.
- e. Brochure/flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Environmental Commission and Green Team members – Pat and Carol – Reviewed draft text of the flyer;
- f. Environmental Commission and Green Team Website – Borough Website

- g. Open Discussions:
 - i. Green Map license – 3 year renewal fee of \$206 paid in 2014; Rayna will follow-up with company to determine the cost for renewal if applicable; Based on earlier discussions with Green Map, there would not be a fee to utilize the Green Map icons;
 - ii. Environmental Ambassador Program – Rosanne – Suggestion – Environmental Internship; Liaison with between the Environmental Commission and Hawthorne School System – Team agreed to go ahead and look into the program
 - iii. 2018 Green Lectures
 - 1. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants
 - 2. Nutrition
 - 3. BEAR Program

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

**Next Meeting Hawthorne Green Team
November 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**