



### **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: November 27, 2017**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Liana Romano, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Maureen Cook, and Karen Young

#### **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 11-27-2017:**

- a. Review October 23, 2017 Green Team minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
  - i. 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder Deadline: Friday November 24, 2017 – Rayna will follow-up with the last gardener.
- c. Brochure/flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Environmental Commission and Green Team members – Pat and Carol – Patty Elwood is preparing the draft brochure template with the information that Pat and Carol developed – In-process
- d. Thank You Note and Envelope – Discussed the Thank You note saying; Team re-evaluated the statement; Team agreed to revise the Thank You note to "Your support is greatly appreciated by all members of the Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team." There will be two (2) Thank You cards with the appropriate organization on it. Rayna will communicate to Mike Mariani to finalize the Thank You note. Once finalized, Marc Molenaro will print out the Thank You notes.
- e. 2018 Green Lectures – Request Library Dates Advertise flyer via the Hawthorne School System – students/parents
  - i. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants
  - ii. Nutrition – Robin
  - iii. BEAR Program – Hawthorne wildlife – coyotes, deer, & bear
  - iv. Don Torino – Bird Watching Program
  - v. Potential Dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months – February, March, – Mary Mahon will contact the Library to confirm potential dates; Dates to avoid – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – Council meeting; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month – Zoning Board meeting; and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month – Planning Board meeting;
  - vi. Bird Watch – Walking Tour – Saturday May 19, 2018
- f. Open Discussions:
  - i. Rosanne Zagatta attended Passaic County "Earth Matters" by Jack Branagan – Passaic Library – Interesting Program on Water Pollution;

Eligible under the Clean Communities Program for funding; Maureen will follow-up with Jennifer Scully; Potential Program for our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel Earth Bration event – Saturday April 21, 2017 HHS

#### **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 Joint Environmental Commission/Hawthorne  
Green Team  
December 14, 2017 at 7:30 pm  
Hawthorne Municipal Building**