



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: May 22, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Pat MacDonnell, Phil Spedula, Jack Systma, Diedria Caso, and Barbara Pisacane

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 05-22-2017:

- a. Review April 6, 2017 Environmental Commission/Green Team minutes – Green Team minute portion approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Welcome Community Gardeners to a Green Team Meeting - Jack Systma, Diedria Caso, and Barbara Pisacane
 - ii. Community Garden Cleanup – Saturday May 20, 2017 – Peggy Weber participated
 - iii. Food Donation Basket – Will collect for the Hawthorne Food Pantry
 - iv. Harvest Celebration – October 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm Ambulance Building Corp
 - v. No Grand Opening in 2017
- c. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Awarded \$2,000 April 2016 – Native Plant Innovation Project
 - i. Created a Native Plant Sub-Committee – Rayna, Mary, Carol, Pat, Yvonne, and Patty,
 - ii. **Identified Chamber Member Locations**
 1. **Magic Carousel** – Completed October 8, 2016
 2. **Paul’s Motor** –Interested – large pot 19 x 21; (2) Low Mound Chokeberry and (2) Coneflower – Completed May 19, 2017
 3. **Puzo’s** – Completed October 8, 2016
 - iii. **Identified Borough Owned Property Locations**
 1. **Borough Hall** – Completed October 8, 2016
 2. **Hawthorne Bandshell** – Administration/Mayor is interested; Will re-evaluate the types of native plants in September – Carol proposed native plants for the two areas. Carol proposed native plant design of New Jersey Tea, Big Bluestem, and Potentilla fruticosa “Coronation Triumph” – Team agreed; Carol will contact Rohsler’s for pricing of plants and humus - Completed; 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.; Environmental Commission meeting on 3-16-2017 Team agreed to change Big Bluestem to Jersey Tea Happy Face; resulted in (2) Jersey Tea + Coronation Triumph; Carol will get revised pricing; In April 2016, Rayna had a conference

call with Mayor Goldberg and Eric Maurer to discuss the Bandshell; Decided to delay project; April 6, 2017 – Project Delayed due to the Installation of Restrooms at Bandshell

3. **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. – Approved – DPW called for a Mark Out of Area; Completed May 20, 2017
4. **Community Garden Area** - – Shady area outside the community garden – bushes - mountain laurel, beauty berry, etc.; In April 2016, Rayna had a conference call with Mayor Goldberg and Eric Maurer to discuss the outside of the community garden area; Concern about Borough property line with the neighboring properties. Rayna and Carol met with Bob Scully on April 12, 2017 to discuss Borough’s property line. – Completed May 20, 2017

iv. Grant Budget As of May 2017

1. Spent - Native Plant Purchased Rohsler’s Nursery approximately \$1522
2. Spent - Sprinkler System at Library approximately \$100
3. Spent - \$300 for Native Plant Lives Here Sign
4. Spent - \$78 for Metal Stake Signs

v. Completed Next Steps:

1. Completed Next Step: Work with Borough Administration with the identified Borough owned locations and Chamber business that have been selected for the native plant project – Scheduled a meeting with the Borough for September 16, 2016; Week of September 19, 2016 – Puzo’s and Magic Carousel will be contacted to finalize their native plants and tentatively schedule the work – Approved
2. Completed Next Step: Patty contacted Goffle Brook Farms and Rohsler’s Allendale Nursery & Florist for which native plants that they carry and pricing. All of the native plants that have been identified are available.
 - a. Completed Next Step: Rohsler’s Site Visit (Patty, Carol, and Rayna) – Sunday September 18, 2016 to purchase all of the native plants; Rayna will work with the Borough with the issuance of the Purchased Order
3. Completed Next Steps: Joe Meltzer – installed the sprinkler head in the monarch butterfly garden. Estimate \$100 for the work conducted by the contractor – End of August the invoice was submitted for payment – Completed
4. Completed Next Step: Purchased Native Plant Books – Pollinator Plants and New York/New Jersey Native Plants – Completed
5. Completed Next Step: - Bob Polito put mulch at the Boro Hall and Magic Carousel. Downs Tree Service donated 6 cubic yards of brown mulch.
6. Completed Next Step: Individual Native Plant Signs – Pat MacDonnell ordered samples of individual signs; Team reviewed and agreed to order the heavy duty 21 inch metal stakes with the weatherproof labels. Need to order 100 metal stakes

7. Completed Next Step: Rayna requested an extension for the grant until August 31, 2017 to Sustainable Jersey (deadline March 31, 2017); Approved by Sustainable Jersey email dated November 1, 2016
8. Completed Next Step: Green Team members watered the native plants at Borough Hall until the first frost. Since the mulch placement, water every couple days; twice a week
9. Completed Next Step: Bob Maggio received approximately 30 flags to identify the perennials at Borough Hall; Green Team member, Carol, placed flags on the perennial plants.
10. Completed Next Step: 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; Signs have been ordered; Waiting for Delivery
11. Completed Next Step: Phase 2 of Native Plant Project - Carol will get pricing for the native plants and materials from Rohsler’s for next meeting in March – Completed. Carol will get an invoice for the Borough to start the process of issuing a Purchase Order; April 2017 - Rayna, Carol, and Patty went to Rohsler’s to identify and select native plants and get an Invoice for the Borough to start the process of purchase. Maureen Cook followed up with Eric Maurer on the status PO. PO was ready for pickup on Friday May 12, 2017. 30 native plants + 6 bags of humus and potting soil
12. Completed Next Step: Sunday April May 9, 2017 at 11:00 am - Carol, Patty, and Rayna met at the Community Garden to discuss proposal of native plant locations; In addition, we will go to Rohsler’s to select the native plants and get an invoice to start the process of a Purchase Order.
13. Completed Next Step: 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 - Completed.
14. Completed Next Step: In October 2016, Green Team proposed additional sprinkler heads at Borough Hall to Eric Maurer; Rayna follow-up with Eric in April 2017; May 2017 DPW Water is working on the sprinkler system
15. Completed Next Step: Individual Native Plant Signs – Rayna - Team reviewed and agreed to order the heavy duty 21 inch metal stakes with the weatherproof labels. May 2017 Ordered and Delivered Metal Stakes; Need to find someone with a laser printer to print out the labels of the native plants. Rayna contacted Marc Molenaro for assistance. – Confirmed Marc will help with the labelling of the plant signs. Rayna provided a list of native plants for Marc. – On May 5, 2017 Marc sent Rayna a draft proof for review; Can be any font and color.
16. Completed Next Step: Weekend of May 13 (Saturday) – Plant native plants at Paul’s Volvo, Ambulance Building Corp, and

Community Garden; Rain Date Weekend of May 20, 2017 – Completed

vi. Next Steps:

1. Water – Community Garden - Request gardeners to water the native plants; Carol will monitor the plants
2. Individual Native Plant Signs – Rayna provided a list of native plants for the labeling of the metal stakes to Marc. Will send Final list to Marc for printing.
3. Placement of Metal Stakes for the Native Plants in Chamber Member Locations and Borough Owned Property Locations
4. Native Plant Sign for the identified areas - Signs have been ordered; Waiting for Delivery – Boro Hall (2) signs, Magic Carousel (1), and Ambulance Building Corp (2) signs
5. Native Plant Sign Project – Attached Wooden Stake (4 feet high) to the Native Plant Sign – Alex Vetlov
6. Create the Final Native Plant Designs for Borough Hall, Ambulance Corp Building, Community Garden Area, and Paul’s Volvo.

vii. Tentative Schedule

1. Grand Openings – Month of June – Saturday - June 17, 2017 – Moved to due Mayor unavailable – Moved to June 24, 2017
2. 2017 Pollinator Week – Week of June 19 to 25, 2017; Carol will post our Native Plant Grand Opening on their Website

viii. 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. Maureen follow-up – no upgrade to the Borough’s website at this time; borough is working on it

1. Publicity/Website/Grand Opening – Local newspapers highlight each business/borough owned property

e. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm HHS Auditorium

- a. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program. –
 - i. 2017 Green Business – Kohler Distributing Company – Solar Panels
 - ii. 2017 – Citizens – Maureen Cook, Barbara Pisacane replaced with Hawthorne Community Gardeners for donating food to the Pantry, Marc Molinaro, Meg Natale, Native Plant Project - Robert Polito Landscaping and his crew for the native plant project, Patty Elwood, Team discussed to recognize Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, and Brenda Rebilas, but no certificate given (previous year’s receiptants)
- b. School Application for Use of the HHS to BOE – Completed by Rosanne
- c. Special Invitations – Mayor, Council, and BOE members –
- d. Letters to Teachers sent to Rick Spirito for Approval and Distribution
- e. Press Release/Publicity – Rayna
- f. Cell-Earth-Bratton Powerpoint Presentation – Rayna

- g. Certification – Signature of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor; Rayna will provide blank certifications for the Mayor to signature – Completed
 - h. HHS Auditorium Sound System, Batteries for microphone, and computer – Rayna will follow-up
- f. Open Discussions:
- i. Phil Spedula – Royal Avenue Project – Raised issue – existing bushes, plants, and trees – can they be re-planted in the Borough for re-use; Discussed potential locations – three (3) Blue Acres Homes purchased in Hawthorne. Requested Phil to develop a list of the bushes, plants, and trees that can be saved to be re-located and submit to the Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team
 - ii. Phil Spedula – Mosquito Joe – licensed spray – concern about outside his property effected by pesticides. Potentially contact Amy Rowe for alternative pesticides options

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
June 26, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**