



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes
February 24, 2025**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Mike Mariani, Maureen Cook, Holly Cowen, Charles Stebbins (arrived at 8:00 pm), Craig Cayetano, Jacob Vander Pyl, Judi Bosloper, and John Bosloper

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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 February 24, 2025

- a. Review Hawthorne Green Team – Minutes January 27, 2025 -Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2025 Growing Season!
 1. 2025 Community Garden – four (4) 4 X 8 Beds. – Garden Beds – Available in 2025 – Initial Deadline February 19, 2025; has been extended to Friday February 28, 2025
 2. 2025 Community Garden – Application, and Rules & Regulations – Posted Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Community Garden Webpage
- c. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – 1st Deadline February 23, 2025 Met Deadline – Submitted Phase 1 SJ Action Plans Completed
 1. Approved Sustainable Jersey Action Plans
 - a. Brownfield Assessment & Investigation 12/31/2025 expires – 20 points

- b. Natural Resource Inventory – **Priority** – 20 points
 - c. Tree Protection Ordinance No expiration date – 10 points
 - d. Tree Planting 12/31/2025 expires – 10 points
2. Sustainable Jersey Action Plans – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database – Met February 23, 2025 Initial Deadline
- a. Green Team – Mandatory –Resolution – Passed Council January 22, 2025 – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - b. Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy – Re-Adopt Policy –Council January 22, 2025 – Distributed to departments; Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - c. Environmental Commission – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - d. Community Partnership & Outreach – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - e. Green Fair – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - f. Prescription Drug & Safety – **Priority** – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - g. Emergency Communication Planning – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - h. Hawthorne Community Garden – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - i. Municipal Communication Strategy - Sent to Boro on January 18, 2025 for review and update – received; Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - j. Digitizing Public Information – Sent to Boro on January 18, 2025 for review and update – received; Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - k. Farmers’ Market and Accessible Farmers’ Market – In Process; waiting for information from Chamber to finalize documents; received; Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - l. Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen – In-Process – Completed and Uploaded SJ Database
 - m. Community Paper Shredding Day – In Process; waiting for additional information from Boro; received; Completed and Uploaded SJ Database
 - n. Recycling Depot – In Process; received updated photos; Completed and Uploaded SJ Database
 - o. Brownfield Inventory & Prioritization – In Process - Review Updated 2025 Brownfield Inventory with Commissioners – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - p. Mayor’s Wellness Program – In Process - Sent to Boro on January 26, 2025 and Mary Mahon for requested information; received information from various departments and organizations; Senior & Youth completed; In Process – Employees & Community – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - q. Community Asset Planning – Hawthorne Green Map – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - r. Buy Local Campaign - Map – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - s. Support Local Campaign - Map – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
 - t. Recycled Materials & Composting – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
3. Sustainable Jersey Action Plans – To be Updated - 2024/2025 Activities - 2ND round May 16th, 2025 Deadline
- a. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling – In Process (need 2024 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – will be submitted to NJDEP by April 30, 2025)
 - b. Household Hazardous Waste – In Process (need 2024 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – will be submitted to NJDEP by April 30, 2025)

- c. Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance – **Priority** Green Lecture to be set up at Library on Recycling, Maureen to present on April 3RD 7-8:30. Mary contacted Library all set.
 - d. Sustainable Land Use Pledge - **Priority** - Prepared documents; waiting for response from SJ – Borough of Hawthorne Adopted Pledge in Re Exam 2022 Master Plan Elements in July 2022; SJ responded via email – must have a resolution and distribute to appropriate departments and boards - Council Meeting Re-Adoption of Resolution -March 2025
 - e. Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies – Sent to Police for review
 - f. Fleet Inventory – **Priority**
 - g. Anti Idling Education & Enforcement Program
 - h. Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation
 - i. Tree Hazard Inventory
 - ii. Tree Maintenance Programs
 - i. Innovative Project – Silver Girl Scout Badge Project
- d. 33rd Annual Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 26, 2025 – Hawthorne High School
- a. Discussion of theme and T-shirt design: Water = Life Approved Mike and Brenda’s designs on Black Teach Shirt. Thank you. Mike to send designs to Marueen & Rayna in JPEG files for the printer of the T-Shirts. Maureen to get pricing on T-Shirts. Plenty of reusable bags; therefore no need to re-order.
 - b. Potential Vendors
 - 1. Hawthorne Fire Department – regarding the wildfires
 - 2. Colour and Whim. Mary will contact owners
 - 3. Puzos – Pizza
 - 4. Pappy’s Juice
 - 5. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
 - 6. Snakes and Scales Maureen will contact
 - 7. Hawthorne Birds – Holly
 - 8. Plant Swap- Mary will contact Peggy Weber
 - 9. Paper Making Mary will contact Sandie
 - 10. Hawthorne Historic Society
 - 11. Alexandria – World Paper and Lyme Disease
 - 12. Boy Scouts – Rayna will contact Rich
 - 13. Girl Scouts - Rayna will contact
 - c. Communication to School System – Initial Letter in February announcing Cel Earth Brarion and the Theme; 2nd Letter along with the Registration Forms sent the End of March
 - e. Open Discussion
 - 1. CLEAN UPS – Clean Community Grant Program - April 6, 2025 Girl Scout Troop 07293 Boro Hall and 8 Acre Woods, April 26, 2025 DAR Wagfield and Gateway, May Another Girl Scout Troop – Dana - Grand Ave – from Washington Street to Warburton Avenue and Downtown Diamond Bridge Avenue
 - 2. John suggested the Publicly EV charging stations ((3) Rea Mansion/Goffle Park, (1) at 1086 Goffle Road Green Business recognition; and (1) Hawthorne Square leasing building) may be eligible for Sustainable Jersey Action Points - Rayna to check
 - 3. Discussion about Upcoming Meetings in March - Cancelled Hawthorne Green Team March 24 meeting to March 31ST and Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting from April 10, 2025 to April 17th, 2025

Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting

Monday March 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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