



## Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes January 9, 2020

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Carol Robertson, Mary Lou DiMattia, Mike Mariani, Mary Mahon, and Liana Romano

Guests: Maureen Cook, Alex, Vetlov, Craig Cayetano, and Charles Stebbins

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Joint Minutes – December 5, 2019  
Motion by: Robert Meier, Second by: Mary Lou DiMattia
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – Received reports from Maureen Cook; will discuss at next’s meeting in February 2020
- III. Planning Board Report – No report
- IV. Zoning Board of Adjustment
  - a. 53 Braen Avenue LLC – 10 Sotnick Street Application – Hearing July 2019; Preliminary discussed the revised plans for two (2) family homes in a R-1 Zone; Highlighted past environmental Commission’s concerns (letter dated November 7, 2013); Chair will prepare written report for July meeting; Discussed “draft written report” with the Commission; All agreed with the Environmental Commissions comments; July meeting was postponed until the August 19, 2019 at 6:45 pm. Encourage all to attend the Zoning Board meeting – Postponed to September 16, 2019 meeting at 6:45 pm; Re-Postponed to Monday December 16, 2019 – Cancelled; **Re-Postponed to Monday January 27, 2020**
- V. Gateway to the Passaic River Project – Tentatively Grand Opening Saturday May 9 2020
  - a. Trail Map Status – Mary is working with Marc on the final comments of the map
  - b. Re-Start March 2020 – complete the installation of the Rain Gardens and the planting of native plants; Rayna will contact Rutgers and Downes for a re-start of project.
  - c. Trail Sign, Rain Garden Sign, and tree tags installation
- VI. Hawthorne Green Team
  - a. **Styrofoam Winter Collection 2020** – Saturday January 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Snow Date: Saturday January 11, 2020) Boro Hall Parking Lot
  - b. Photo/Video Release – sent to Borough Attorney for review; waiting for approval
  - c. Publicity – Flyers (Craig Cayetano), Facebook (Lisa DeVos), Electronic Board, Nixel, Borough’s Website, Newspapers (Press Release - Rayna Laiosa), including
  - d. Suggestion – Purchase Lawn Signs for Styrofoam Event – 2020
  - e. Need additional Orange Cones to direct traffic in the parking lot of the Municipal Building.

- f. Volunteers Requested
    - i. 9:00 am to 10:00 am – Rayna, Carol, Mary, Liana, Craig, Charles, and Dan
    - ii. 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Rayna, Carol, Liana, Mary, Craig, and Dan
    - iii. 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Rayna, Craig, Carol, and Dan
  - g. **Community Garden 2020** – All gardeners are returning; Need to issue the 2020 garden bed application forms to the Borough and gardeners; Rayna will send out email- deadline Friday January 31, 2020
  - h. **Next Green Team Monday January 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm – Hawthorne Library**
- VII. Trek Plastic Recycling 2020 Program -Hawthorne Environmental Commission
- a. Community Program – town/organization determines the 6 month timeframe
  - b. Launch Community Program – April 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020 (Cel Earth Bration with ending Green Fair/Hawthorne Day)
  - c. Discussed partnering with the local business/Chamber of Commerce
  - d. Agreed no food/restaurants locations – food contamination
  - e. Potential Locations – Commissioners/Green Team Members will conduct a preliminary site visit (January 2020) to determine if the location is suitable for a collection bin; 1/9/2020 Team Re-Evaluated List of Potential Locations; Agreed to 5 to 6 locations only; Start small;
    - 1. **Boro Hall - Agree**
    - 2. **Hawthorne Library - Agree**
    - 3. **Sparkler Dry Cleaners - Craig**
    - 4. **Paul's Volvo – Agree - Mary**
    - 5. Neat Dry Cleaners – Rosanne – small store
    - 6. Best Cleaners – Carol – small store
    - 7. **Lorant Cleaners - Craig**
    - 8. Launder Quick (adjacent to Villa Rosa) – Pat – small store
    - 9. **Hawthorne's Farmers' Market – June to September 2020 – Agree**
  - f. Discussed Other Trex Programs – Summit “Bags to Benches” – (3) locations – Church, School, and Municipality; Oakland – permanent location clothing bin container at the recycling center – Styrofoam and plastics
  - g. Collection bin – made in the USA cardboard bins; discussed plastic liner to collect the plastics – Agree we need to purchase cardboard bins and plastic liner; Size 40 gallons; Length – 17 1/2 inch; Width 17 1/2 inch; and Height 29 3/4 inch; Maureen will contact approved existing vendor for price comparison from Web Restaurant Store
  - h. Designated Commissioner/Green Team Member to pick up at the locations; weigh each plastic bags; and report to central point person;
  - i. Central Point Person – send monthly emails to Trex with weight of plastic recycled for Hawthorne
  - j. Designated Drop Off Locations – Acme, Whole Foods, Target and Kohls; Carol will visit Target and Kohls to find out if they will take bulk shipments of the plastic for Hawthorne – After the Holidays – January 2020
  - k. Publicity – Posters in the windows of the businesses (similar to Buy Local Campaign posters – Green Map)
  - l. Website/Facebook/Newspapers/Ads/Electronic Boards, Nixel Alerts
- VIII. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel Earth Bration April 18, 2020

- a. Theme – Initial Discussion/Brainstorming – Park Your Plastic, Purge Your Plastic, Re-Purpose Your Plastic, ReUse Your Plastic, Put Plastics In It’s Place, Don’t Waste Put Plastic in It’s Place’ Reduce Waste Out Plastic in It’s Place;  
**Team Agreed: “Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place”**
  - b. Focus on Interactive Educational – Demonstrations “Scavenger Hunt or Treasure Hunt”
  - c. Prepare and Submit School Application – BOE – Room 120, cafeteria, auditorium, and classrooms; Ensure Sound System is working in Auditorium; Coordinate with HHS Principal – Completed by Rosanne December 2019
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Environmental Intern – Daniel Waldeck – project – Review/Update Hawthorne’s Environmental Resource Inventory Report; This report is reviewed and updated every ten (10) years. It is part of Hawthorne’s Master Plan.
  - b. Hawthorne Recycling Containers – Purchase 200 25 gallon containers from Recycling Trust Grant Funds; Put the Recycling Symbol and Borough of Hawthorne

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting  
Thursday February 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Municipal Building**