



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Environmental Commission - Minutes  
January 9, 2025**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Rob Meier, Pat MacDonnell, Holly Cowen., and Charles Stebbins

Guests: Jacob Vander Pyl, Michael Turco, Janet Turco. John Bosloper, and Judi Bosloper,

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
  - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Minutes December 12, 2024  
Motion by: Rob Meier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier - No new projects. New Planning Board attorney - Sophy Sedarat, Esq; Planning Board meetings are moving to one (1) meeting per month due to lack of activity
- III. Green Team Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    1. Announcement of 2025 Growing Season – three (3) garden beds are available to Hawthorne Residents
  - a. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday January 27, 2025 at 7:30 pm
- VI. Kids to Kids Newsletter Winter 2025 – Composting; Will be sent in January 2025.

- VII. ANJEC Workshop – “**New Year, New Members: Recruiting for Success**”  
Wednesday January 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm - Registration details coming soon! Rayna to forward details to Rob. Mary, Pat and Holly for Zoom meeting.
- VIII. Sustainable Jersey- 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline February 23, 2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline May 16, 2025, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Deadline July 31, 2025 Rayna has reviewed all the Action Plans for updates and identified some Action/ Plans that have been retired – no longer available for Action Plan points. Jacob will come visit with Rayna on Sunday January 12, 2025 to identify Action Plans that Jacob can prepare the documents.
- IX. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 26, 2025 – Hawthorne High School
- a. School Use Application submitted – Approved in December 2024; There is no play on this date; HHS play will be conducted in March 2025. Therefore, we can ask HHS to use the auditorium if we need it. There will be a new Superintendent after Aug 1, 2025
  - b. Discussion of theme and T-shirt design: Ideas for next meeting
    - Drought Issue Water Conservation
    - Protect Water
    - Conserve Water
    - Recycle Water Rain Barrel, Rain Garden
    - One drop could Save a Thirsty World
    - Save the water Save the Earth
    - Climate Change-Causing to save water
    - 8 Tips to conserve water
    - Why does the Earth need water
    - Conserve Water and Energy
    - WATER the Engine of the Earth
    - Saving Natural Resources
    - Doing your part to conserve natural resources

Encourage Hawthorne to Conserve our natural resources: water, energy, plants, open space, recreation, river, green space, pool, library, 8 Acre Woods, Wagaraw Road Complex, Gateway to the Passaic River, Goffle Brook Park

- X. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns – None

**Next Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday February 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm**