



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission- Minutes
January 14, 2021**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Carol Roberston, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, Robert Meier, Mary Mahon, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen
Guests: Kayla Brady, Dawn Zagatta, Maureen Cook, Alexandra Soteriou, Richard Santangelo, Elisabeth Barker, Charles Stebbins, and Craig Cayetano at 8:44 pm

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – December 10, 2020
Motion by Mike Mariani, Second by: Pat MacDonnell

- II. 2021 Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Re-Appointments & New Appointments – Congratulations!
 - a. Patricia MacDonnell, Robert Meier, Carol Robertson, Roseanne Zagatta Lisa DeVos and Holly Cowen

- III. Kids Corner Newsletter – Month of December/January 2021 – Topic?? December topic; conifer trees, pine cones, craft/art project, science of how pinecones open + science experiment (popcorn and cranberries to decorate trees, after the holidays put

outside for birds and squirrels; peanut butter bird feeders (maybe? Allergies might be an issue) ; January will be about snow; Update January 2021 - did not get out December; We think we will stick with January or create a Winter Newsletter in order to combine December and January ideas; maybe do something on the winter birds and a heart bird feeder or snow sculpture; Rosanne/Dawn will finalize this and send this out to Spirito to get the okay to send it to the other school's principals, we also want to send a copy electronically to Louis Bay Library so they can post the link from Boro's Website – Haw Env Commission webpage – Kids Corner; Publicity – Tap Into Hawthorne and Gazette

IV. Green Team

- a. Community Garden – Update for 2021 Growing Season
 1. Will announce (2) 4x 8 garden beds will be available in January 2021; All agreed to reach out to the (2) people who are on the “waiting list”; one person has been working for over 5 years; Rayna will contact them and ask them if they are interested in the garden bed;
- b. Styrofoam Collection Day Saturday January 9, 2021 –
 - 1) Thank You for Another Great Styrofoam Collection Day! – Liana Romona, Carol Robertson, Kayla Brady, Maureen Cook, Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Charles Stebbins, Holly Cowen, Craig Cayetano, , Alexandra Soteriou, Elisabeth Barker, Phyllis Wooldridge, and Brian Bertollo
 - 2) January 14, 2021 - Tap Into Hawthorne received an email from a representative of from DuPont de Nemours, Inc. stated that Styrofoam is a Trade Name for building materials; Can no longer use the words “Styrofoam” in any communication correspondence; Must use the Words “Expanded Polystyrene, white packaging foam, rigid packaging foam,”
 - 3) 115 bags and about 20 additional pieces (these numbers did not correlate to last years' numbers); although we were more successful breaking down the foam and bagging it than before; want to check second box of bags to double check tasked to Maureen Cook; Hawthorne owns the recycling equipment container and truck;
 - 4) Lessons Learned: (1) person counting the cars and the number of bags; Hawthorne residents only; need ID to prove residence, Need larger cubic yard container – 40 instead of 30 cubic yard container;
 - 5) Discussed Another Expanded Polystyrene Collection Drive in April 2021; (we need to let people know as soon as possible that there will be another collection so people know to keep and hold on to the foam) We turned people way (price is roughly 80-100 dollars for drop off at the Haskell facility, overtime for DPW on Saturday, and the gas to and from to the Haskell facility) Tentatively Saturday April 24, 2021 and Rain Date Saturday May 1, 2021;
 - 6) Someone on Facebook suggested having a container at the recycling center for foam, but someone would have to constantly monitor what was put in this container since recycling this foam had so many particularities.
- c. Next Virtual ZOOM Meeting: Monday January 25, 2021

V. 10th Annual Green Fair

- a. Communication to Vendors/Participants - Open to New Ideas/Topics – Set Up Separate Zoom Meeting for Each Lecture – 30 to 45 mins/lecture or if a participant is unable to conduct lecture – provide a 2 minute video; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; Lisa will draft an email to request participation at our Green Fair; - Reviewed Lisa's draft email – Looks

Good! Lisa sent email to all potential vendors and participants via the HawthorneEC@gmail.com email account Lisa or Rosanne to monitor email system; both will be contacts in the email sent to the participants. Give 2 week deadline; 2 weeks to send the presentation/video; Scheduled End of January to March 2021; Vendors will select up to 3 potential dates of preference; Request presentations and videos by mid-December 2020

- b. Virtual Green Fair – A total of 10 Programs – ZOOM Meeting at 7:30 pm
 - i. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Maureen – March 23, 2021
 - ii. Composting – Mary and Trig- February 9, 2021
 - iii. Container Gardening – Jack – February 9, 2021
 - iv. Birding 101 – Lisa and Holly – February 24, 2021
 - v. Virtual Bird Walk – Lisa and Holly – April 6, 2021
 - vi. Lyme Disease – Alexandra – March 30, 2021
 - vii. Electric Charging Vehicle Stations – Plug In Service Stations Inc.- Confirmed – March 16, 2021
 - viii. BEAR – Doreen – March 9, 2021
 - ix. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Immune Health – Robin Garmise – Confirmed – February 2, 2021
 - x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission - Confirmation January 26, 2021 – Kickoff
 - xi. Hawthorne History - A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne – Veronica –Confirmed – March 2, 2021
 - xii. Hawthorne History - Hawthorne Historical Society – Veronica – Confirmed – March 2, 2021
- c. Create Green Fair Schedule – Flyer – Lisa will create; Rayna will create separate ZOOM meeting information for each presenter/date
- d. Publicity
 - i. Press Release (Lisa will create), Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel
 - ii. Green Fair Flyers –

VI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps – No Update

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday February 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm**