



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: January 27, 2020

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Carol Robertson, Liana Romano, Mary Mahon, Lisa DeVos, Diana Reyes, Mikel Erle, Alex Vetlov, Charles Stebbins (7:50 pm), Mike Marian (8:00 pm), Maureen Cook (8:05 pm), and Craig Cayetano (8:30 pm)

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 January 27, 2020

- a. Review December 5, 2019 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden 2020 – All gardeners are returning; Deadline Friday January 31, 2020; Outstanding – Rita, Mike, Jackie, Barbara/Larry, and Dria; Rayna will send out a friendly reminder email to all;
- c. Bird Walks – Spring/Fall 2020 Discussed and Finalized the following Dates: Sunday April 26, 2020, Saturday April 11, 2020, and Sunday May 3, 2020; Rea Mansion – Goffle Brook Park at 8:30 am; (Other dates discussed: March 7, 14, & 21; April 4, 11, & 25, 2020)
- d. Styrofoam Collection – Borough of Hawthorne & Green Team - Saturday January 11, 2020 at Municipal Building Parking Lot; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm;
 1. Thank You Volunteer – Maureen Cook, Scotty from DPW, Bob Scully, Mike Mariani, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Liana Romana, Craig Cayetano, Charles Stebbins, and Dan Waldeck; 144 plastic bags of Styrofoam and 143 vehicles
- e. Trek Plastic Recycling 2020 Program
 1. Community Program – town/organization determines the 6 month timeframe
 2. Launch Community Program – April 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020 (Cel Earth Bration with ending Green Fair/Hawthorne Day)
 3. Discussed partnering with the local business/Chamber of Commerce
 4. Agreed no food/restaurants locations – food contamination
 5. 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; Rayna spoke with Monica Library Director – All on board Jan 30 2020**
 3. **Sparkler Dry Cleaners - Craig**
 4. **Paul’s Volvo – Agree**
 5. **Lorant Cleaners - Craig**

6. Hawthorne's Farmers' Market – June to September 2020 – Agree

6. 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; received information; comparable pricing from local approved vendor.
 7. Designated Commissioner/Green Team Member to pick up at the locations; weigh each plastic bags; and report to central point person;
 8. Central Point Person – send monthly emails to Trex with weight of plastic recycled for Hawthorne
 9. 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; Carol went to Target – No – will not accept a large quantity of plastic bags;
 10. Publicity – Posters in the windows of the businesses (similar to Buy Local Campaign posters – Green Map)
 11. Website/Facebook/Newspapers/Ads/Electronic Boards, Nixel Alerts
- f. Anti-Idling Signs – Designated Locations – Purchased 30 signs from NJDEP Wag Fields, Pool Complex/Band Shell Area; Cubs field Maitland Ave, HHS field fence, Gateway Area, Boro Hall, Ambulance Corp, and Hawthorne Library; Rayna will send to Alex & Craig – existing Anti Idling Sign Locations (sent Jan 30, 2020); Alex & Craig will conduct site visits at each of the above locations and take photos/sketch the specific area that the Anti Idling sign will be installed; Note – “new” metal pole that will need to be installed;
- g. Gateway to the Passaic River Project – Tentatively Grand Opening Saturday May 9 2020
1. 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. Downes will complete the installation of the rain gardens and wooden guard rail starting Wednesday January 29 through Friday January 31, 2020. Rayna and Carol will monitor the progress.
 2. Trail Map Status – Mary is working with Marc on the final comments of the map;
 3. Trail Sign, Rain Garden Sign, and tree tags installation – will be installed during the planting of the native plants – end of March/April 2020
 4. Rutgers – Native Plants - Rayna contacted Rutgers to let them about the rain garden installation news!; Tentatively planting Saturday April 25, 2020 at 9:00 am; Rain Date Saturday May 2, 2020
- h. 28th Annual Cel Earth Bration Saturday April 18, 2020
1. Theme - Team Agreed: “Reduce Waste Put Plastic In Its Place”
 2. Review Draft T-Shirt Design – Discussed Mike Mariani’s t-shirt designs; Team made additional comments Circle – remove the outer line and remove the inner line; provide options; to the design; Square design for the T-Shirts; Magnets and Bags – Circle design; Mike will update designs and re-circulate to the Team to be reviewed; Bag & T-shirt will be Hawthorne Blue color with white lettering
 3. Potential Vendors

- a. Rizzo Reptiles – Mary will reach out to Rosanne to make the booking – two shows
 - b. Passaic River Coalition – Carol will reach out to them ; located in Morristown.
 - c. Pappy’s Juice Bar
 - d. Beekeeper – Mary K
 - e. Trex Table
 - f. Chet Scents
 - g. Shade Tree Commission
4. Shredding Day – Municipal Building Saturday April 18, 2020 and Saturday October 3, 2020
- i. Open Discussions/Topics:
- 1. Thursday February 27, 2020 Meeting - Joint Haw Env Com/Green Team Meeting – All agreed Municipal Building at 7:00 pm; Maureen will confirm with Lori for 2nd floor conference room.

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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