



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes
October 8, 2020**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, Robert Meier, and Mary Mahon

Guests: Dawn Zagatta, Elisabeth Barker, Lisa DeVos, and Craig Cayetano

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – September 10, 2020
Motion by Mary Mahon, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Planning Board Report – No Update
- III. Garbage and Litter Campaign - "Help the Hawthorne Bee Defeat Litter!";
 - a. Mary will reach out to Marc to make the Design the Hawthorne Bee into a Super hero like; Mask on his eyes; with a cape like Zoro with Litter with an X, Poker picking up litter/trash. Received Draft of Hawthorne Bee; - Agreed; Need to put Commission and Green Team Logo on flyer; Waiting for final draft of the Bee. Received Final Hawthorne Bee Design; Agreed to order 100 copies of 11 x 14 poster sign for flyer (store windows) and 100 copies of 8.5 x 11 flyer (handouts to residents to pickup gloves, bags, and hand grabber.;

- b. Jennifer Scully – Boro will provide gloves and bags for participants. Will drop of materials at Rayna’s house
- c. Hand Grabbers Purchase – Alexandra suggested Dollar Tree; Grabbers are available, will purchase 9 cases of 24 grabbers; Maureen will request information to set up Dollar Tree as an approved Hawthorne Vendor; Dollar Tree does not accept Purchase Orders; Rayna will contact local Dollar Tree stores for the hand grabbers. Located hand grabbers at the Dollar Tree in Oakland
- d. Clean Up Your Neighborhood/street block Potentially by Ward; # of bags collected – Team agreed – Number of bags of litter/garbage, most unusual, and most interesting piece of trash collected; Each participate will take a photo with the Hawthorne Bee on post on Haw Env Com/Green Team Facebook page or send to HawthorneEC@gmail.com by Monday October 19, 2020.
- e. Saturday October 17, 2020 at Boro Hall parking lot from 9:00 am to 11:00 am – each participant will receive pair of gloves and two (2) bags; and the first 25 people will be receive a Grabber; and a Hawthorne Bee Flyer; Volunteer – Sat/ – Hawthorne Bee, Rayna, Mary, Rosanne, Lisa, Holly; Sunday Rain Date: All except, Mary
- f. Publicity – flyer (distributed to local bizs), social media, Nixle, electronic board, Boro’s website, Tapinto Hawthorne, Gazette, Video for Facebook, etc. – Ellen Brogno will handle Nixle, electronic board, and Boro’s website and Facebook; Lisa will post on our Facebook Page; Rayna will send Press Release to newspapers. Rosanne will reach out to the Superintendent of Schools – announcing Town wide Clean Up! Discussed the promotion of the Hawthorne Bee on Instagram; Rayna is pretty sure Hazel Pinos created an Instagram account for the Commission/Green Team.
- g. Flyers to Local Hawthorne Businesses – Volunteers – Mike Mariani, Pat MacDonnell, Elisabeth, Rayna, Craig; - Rayna will create the list and distribute to members for distribution
- h. Press Release – Rosanne will prepare and send to Rayna; Received and reviewed
- i. Winners – potential prizes – local honey from a Hawthorne beekeeper – Jennifer Scully will evaluate and get back to Rayna; Winners will be announced

IV. 10th Annual Green Fair

- a. Potential Topics/Discussions – 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;
 - i. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Maureen will work on program for the end of July/Beginning of August,; Hawthorne’s Program is being adjusted; Maureen is working out the details; Bottle caps continue to be collected at Boro Hall; Maureen will follow up with Trex to determine if the program is continuing to collect plastic bags
 - ii. Composting – Mary and Trig – Confirmed
 - iii. Container Gardening – Jack (Pat will reach out to Jack) and Winners of Green Team Challenge
 - iv. Hawthorne Birds – Lisa and Holly
 - v. Lyme Disease - Alexandra
 - vi. Electric Charging Vehicle Stations – Plug In Service Stations Inc.- Confirmed
 - vii. BEAR – Doreen
 - viii. Rutgers – Rain Gardens and Gateway to the Passaic River project– Matt
 - ix. Nutrition – Robin Garmise – Confirmed
 - x. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission

- xi. Reimagined Design – Stephanie
 - xii. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne – Veronica – Pat will contact – Confirmed
 - xiii. Hawthorne Historical Society – Veronica – Pat will contact
 - xiv. Vegan Living - Elisabeth Barker
 - xv. Animals Need You – Tom – Mary will contact Tom
 - xvi. Paws to Hands – Pat will contact Stu
- b. Discussed pairing of topics together – Lisa will draft an email to communicate to invite the above potential participants of their participation of our Virtual Green Fair
- i. Composting + Container Gardening
 - ii. Hawthorne Birds
 - iii. Shadetree Commission
 - iv. Stormwater Gateway Project
 - v. Lyme Disease + BEAR
 - vi. EV Charging Station
 - vii. Community Garden + Nutrition + Vegan Life
 - viii. Hawthorne Historical Society + A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne
 - ix. Animals Need You + Paws to Hands
 - x. Recycling + Reimagined Designs
 - xi. 2 Minute Video depending on if the above participants do not have a full 30 to 45 minute program
- c. Create Green Fair Schedule – Participant/Vendor – pick and choice session (Green Team proposed dates and times)
- d. Publicity
- i. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel
 - ii. Green Fair Flyers –
- V. Gateway to the Passaic River Project
- a. Discussion of Cameras located at the Gateway Area – Rayna will follow up with Eric Maurer, Mayor Goldberg, and Walter Marston
 - b. Planting Additional Milkweed in the Gateway Area – Swamp Milkweed; Mary and Carol has milkweed seeds; tentatively scheduled in November 2020 Plant; Mary and Carol will coordinate date and plant the milkweed.
- VI. Community Garden – Update for 2021 Growing Season
- a. Waiting on two (2) existing gardeners for commitment; So far, we will have Two (2) garden beds be available in 2021; 4 x 12 will be offered to existing gardeners for upgrade (existing two gardeners indicated interest in upgrade or moving to another garden bed location); Rayna will send email.
 - b. Will announce garden beds available in January 2021
- VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Friday September 11, 2020 – Boro Hall Municipal Building – Landscaper will be removing the weeds on the property; Mary Mahon will met with Maureen and the landscaper to identify all of the Native Plants; not weeds; Do not Touch the native plants; Again raised the issue about swamp milkweed being removed by the Landscaper; Landscaper must replace the swamp milkweed; Week of October 12, 2020 will be planted; Confirmed Tuesday October 13, 2020.
 - b. Hawthorne resident, Phil Savoie, – Contacted Rayna about if we were interested in milkweed seeds. Phil has them and is willing to donate them to the Commission/Green Team; All agreed to accept the milkweed seeds. Rayna will

make arrangements to collect the milkweed seeds. – Picked Up Milkweed and gave them to Carol to prepare for planting at the Gateway

**Virtual Hawthorne Environmental Commission
ZOOM Meeting
Thursday November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm**