



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes
October 9, 2025**

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

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting
 - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Minutes August 14, 2025
Motion by Holly Cowen, 2nd by Rob Meier
- II. Hawthorne Planning Board – Robert Meier - No report update due to no meetings conducted
- III. Green Team Meeting
 - a. Community Garden Communications – First Refusal of Your Garden Bed
Deadline Monday October 27, 2025, Clean Up Reminder by Thanksgiving -
Pat has sent and received some replies. Giving Tuesday donated 40 lbs to the
Hawthorne Food Pantry; and Recommend a Refresh of the Community Garden
Sign
 - b. Fall 2025 Bird Walk – 8 Acre Woods – Sat September 20, 2025, Sunday
October 12, 2025; Rea Mansion – Goffle Brook Park – Sunday September
28, 2025, and Saturday October 18, 2025 – Nixel alerts will be issued for
the bird walks, with the notice if rain, there is no bird walk. Holly
provided Maureen her cell phone.

- c. Next Green Team Meeting: Monday October 27, 2025 at 7:30 pm
- V. Hawthorne Day Saturday September 27, 2025 – Thank you, Rayna, Judi, John, Paula, Mary, Rob, Pat, and Holly for volunteering your time!
- IV. 14th Green Fair Sunday September 7, 2025 (Rain Date September 14, 2025) Time of Event 10:00 am to 1:30 pm; set-up 9:00 am
 - a. Thank you for all attending our Rain Date September 14, 2025 Green Fair
- V. Help the Hawthorne BEE Defeat Litter at 8 Acre Woods Meeting Place – Sunday October 5, 2025 - Sponsored by: Hawthorne Rotary, Hawthorne Environmental Commission, and Hawthorne Green Team; Girl Scout Troop #96005 for successfully completing a Clean Community Grant – 12 to 15 participants; a total of 14 bags of garbage; 2 pieces of scrap metal, wooden board, flatten garbage container, broken rake, and safety cone; Recommend a Refresh of 8 Acre Woods Signs. Mary to contact Paul Whalen for a price to fix signs at 8 Acre woods and Community Garden Sign. Target Completion by Dec 1st.
- VI. Sustainable Jersey- - Official News – Borough of Hawthorne Achieved Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification – 440 Sustainable Jersey Action Plans; Annual Luncheon Tuesday November 18, 2025 Atlantic City, NJ
- VII. Upcoming November 2025 Events – Shade Tree Commission - Daffodil plantings and Friends of the Library – Native Plants Planting Hawthorne Library - Will hold 1ST or 2ND Sunday in November, volunteers appreciated. Email notifications will be sent out to Commission and Green Team members.
- VIII. School Use Applications for Hawthorne High School – 2026 – Cel Earth Bration Saturday April 18, 2026 and Annual Environmental Program Monday June 8, 2026 – Submitted Online - Sunday October 5, 2025
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns:
 - a. Plastic film container is almost full. DPW will delivery materials next week, October 13, 2025 to South Ward Newark
 - b. Rayna please sent Environmental Commission meeting dates, Green Team meeting dates and Environmental event dates for the 2026 Calendar to Maureen Cook

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