

Minutes for 2/20

**Present:** E. Horvath, Chairwoman

R. Zachs, Planning Board Liaison

A. Soriano, Council Liaison

L. San Giacomo, Secretary

K. Baez

### **Meeting Called to Order 7:14**

Called to order by Liz Horvath, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony Soriano

### **Swearing in**

Karen Baez to the Environmental Commission

### **Borough Council**

Nothing to report

### **Planning Board Liaison**

Re-submission of 25 Coddington Street Addition. Water run-off concerns being addressed by planning board.

### **No Public Comments**

### **No Correspondence/Articles of Interest**

### **Green checklist**

Sustainable Jersey certifies towns that accumulate a certain number of points. Raritan is currently trying to get the Bronze certification so that we can apply for new grants that we currently cannot. It would open up funding opportunities for the borough.

Opportunities/Requirements Include:

Annual Accomplishment Report – a timeline of everything the Environmental Commission has done in a 12 month period with documentation (ie flyers) to prove such.

Complete Streets – Council has adopted a resolution to support many modes of transportation being considered when building new streets.

Establishment of Solar/Wind ordinances

Need to adopt checklist of items that the Environmental Commission wants to see addressed on new planning board submissions.

### **Shred Day**

Elizabeth Horvath spoke to somebody from the county in November. We could team up with another town and get on the Shred Day calendar. They can do it at a municipal building. Residents can take any documents to get shredded in a secure matter. Liz to follow up.

Liz to outline what Environmental Commission did in past 12 months for Annual Accomplishment Report

Anthony to look at examples from other towns

Lindsay to create Google Document outlining what has already been done and establish one for 2013

### **Earth Day Clean Up**

Motion Made for 4/28 of April (Liz) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Zack

Motion carries – 2 ayes

Rick talking to Quik Chek about sponsorship. Liz talking to Sungroup Tees about shirts

### **In Summation/Action Items**

Liz will talk to Ed about shirts, Stephanie about River Clean-up, County about shred day

Lindsay will call Sustainable NJ about new rules and submission dates and create Google documents about where we stand in the process

Rick will talk to planning board about the Environmental Commission getting on the agenda for the March Meeting, March 27<sup>th</sup> and talk to the RiverFest Committee to comply with Greening the Green Fair

Anthony will look at fundraising and bring in ordinances from other towns (anti-idling, storm water run-off)

### **Meeting Closed 8:13**

Elizabeth Horvath motioned, Lindsay San Giacomo 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Voice vote, all in favor