



B O R O U G H O F R A R I T A N
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

22 FIRST STREET

RARITAN, NJ 08869

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes for March 20, 2013

Present: E. Horvath, Chairwoman

R. Zachs, Planning Board Liaison

A. Soriano, Council Liaison

L. San Giacomo, Secretary

Meeting Call to Order: 7:12

Called to order by E. Horvath

Borough Council

Anthony Soriano inquired about fundraising with attorney. Tricky thing of questionable legality, so most likely not an option for us.

Planning Board Liaison

There's no variances or issues on the agenda for the next meeting. In regards to 25 Coddington Street, the owner's variance passed with conditions. He has to put in a system for a seepage pit acceptable to stand. Accepted impervious coverage but must maintain current seepage level. If he doesn't satisfy the condition, he must come before planning board again.

No Public Comments/Questions

No Correspondence/ Articles of Interest

Sustainability Spreadsheet

Green team needs to be outside the commission. Green team was established, but no action has since taken place. Liz Horvath will call Rayna Harris for original Green Team list.

Rick Zacks will look at putting links into the spreadsheet.

Green Team Checklist is currently in draft form.

Approve Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2013

No quorum to approve. Will approve next time.

Earth Day

Earth Day River Cleanup Date is set at April 28th at 1pm. Volunteers will meet at the John Basilone statue. Parks Department needs to be notified.

Liz Horvath spoke with owner of EbroidMe Art and they will donate shirts for River Cleanup. Borough Flag will be used as imagery for shirts.

Flyer needs to be created for April 28th Event to be posted on Raritan Borough Website and Quick Chek kiosk. Flyer should include the information that volunteers need to bring their own clean-up gear. Environmental Commission will provide water.

Shred Day

Liz Horvath spoke with Somerset County representative who suggested reaching out to Linda Doyle, the Bridgewater clerk, to see if we can piggyback on a nearby shred day. If we do it, we as a commission should be there to volunteer our time. If we wanted to have the truck at Riverfest, we could, but it's \$150/hour.

Other issues/concerns

Strategy for Planning Board – Who developed the Green Checklist? Should Dave Maski be at the land use meeting in April?

In Summation/Action Items

Flyer needs to be created for Earth Day.

Lindsay San Giacomo will call the Dessert Plate in Somerville and Wegmans in Bridgewater about donations for Earth Day.

Community Program needs to be established to create an Environmental commission logo.

Meeting closed 8:05

Liz Horvath motioned, Lindsay San Giacomo 2nd motion

Voice Vote, all in favor