



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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 15th, 2024

AGENDA

1) Open Public Meetings Statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset was made by posting on the Raritan Borough website indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Raritan Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. on February 15th, 2024. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

2) Roll Call

- Juan Alvarez; Olga Metaxas; Emilie Stander; Tony Sacino; Michael DeCicco; Christopher Gussman; Heath Hofmeister; Ryan Bellinger; Adam Armahizer, Council Liaison; Denise Carra, Planning Board Liaison

3) Flag Salute

4) Approval of Minutes from January 18th

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Clean Communities event planning for April
 - How to better market the event this time?
 - Coordination with DPW and ANJEC to use funds for installing hydration stations
- Social media update and planning
 - Who would like to volunteer to develop, or find existing, content for Mr. Bellinger to post this month?
- Latest version of tree removal ordinance
 - What changes to the model ordinance would we recommend Raritan include?
 - What types of species should the borough recommend for replanting efforts?
- Potential funding source for Environmental Resource Inventory update
 - Seek guidance from the Assistant Borough Engineer
 - Is any Tier A stormwater funding available for this purpose?
 - Does the existing contract with Van Clef cover this type of activity?
 - What are other possible sources of funding?
- Revision of bylaws
 - Review highlighted sections and make decisions about language changes.
- Community Forestry updates
- Status of invitation to Eugene DeStefano to attend RBEC meeting

9) New Business

10) Green Team

a) Report out from ongoing efforts and planning future activities

11) Adjournment