



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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

March 21st, 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 March 21st, 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; Christopher Gussman; Heath Hofmeister; Ryan Bellinger; Adam Armahizer, Council Liaison; Michael DeCicco, Planning Board Liaison

3) Flag Salute

4) Approval of Minutes from February 15th

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Clean Communities event planning for April
 - Event planning with the Recreation Committee
 - Advertising
 - Coordination with DPW and ANJEC to use funds for installing hydration stations
- Visit from Assistant Borough Engineer, Joseph Brosnan
 - Potential funding source for Environmental Resource Inventory update
 - Is any Tier A stormwater funding available for this purpose?
 - Does the existing contract with Van Cleef cover this type of activity?
 - What are other possible sources of funding?
 - Ordinance review
 - Is this something in Mr. Brosnan's purview? Or should we seek out an external consultant to assist with this task?
- Social media update and planning
 - Post clean up flyer and announcements on social media this month
 - Other topic ideas?
- Latest version of tree removal ordinance
 - Review of species to avoid addendum drafted by Mr. Gussman
 - Any other changes to the model ordinance we would recommend to Borough Council?
- Community Forestry updates

- Status of bylaws revision
- Status of invitation to Eugene DeStefano to attend RBEC meeting
- Report out on efforts to reach out to JFK/school district.

9) New Business

10) Green Team

- a) Report out from ongoing efforts and planning future activities

11) Adjournment