



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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 20th, 2025

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 20th, 2025. 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; Ben Harris; Adam Armahizer, Council Liaison

3) Flag Salute

4) Approval of Minutes from January 16th

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Coordination with DPW (with DPW director Vincent LoMedico)
 - Stormwater outreach and education through Clean Communities grant: funds remaining for this? DPW needs/requests?
- Coordination with Recreation (with Recreation director Andy Sibilia)
- Invitation to table at Somerville EC Earth Day Fair, Apr 26, 11am-2pm
- Stream/community clean up, April 12: coordination with Raritan Headwaters
- Cardinal Woods tree planting event
- Update on Green Communities grant proposal
- Finalizing annual report
- ANJEC membership – logistics of payment
- Community garden: surveying residents through property tax mailings: update from Borough Administrator?
- Updating impervious cover assessment conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension
- Report out from outreach to Somerville EC
- Planning for rain barrel workshop, May 3
- Climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment: next steps
- Update and status of proposed revision of bylaws
- Status of ordinance review proposal from potential consultant

- Social media update and planning
- 9) New Business
- AARP Community Challenge grant program: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2025/2025-challenge.html>
- 10) Green Team
- 11) Adjournment