



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

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 20<sup>th</sup>

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Coordination with DPW (with DPW director Vincent LoMedico)
  - Upcoming stream cleanup on Apr 12 and tree planting on Apr 26
  - Stormwater outreach and education through Clean Communities grant: funds remaining for this? DPW needs/requests?
- Stream/community clean up, April 12
  - Volunteers needed for that day
  - Flyer and advertising?
  - Sponsorship payment to RHA?
- Cardinal Woods tree planting event, April 26
  - Logistics
  - Flyer and advertising
- Planning for rain barrel workshop, May 3
  - Flyer and advertising
- Update on Green Communities grant proposal
- Budget request update
  - ANJEC membership – logistics of payment
- Updating impervious cover assessment conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension
  - Technical assistance program
- Community garden: surveying residents through property tax mailings: update from Borough Administrator?

- Climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment
  - Status of borough master planning process?
- Update and status of proposed revision of bylaws
  - EC access to borough's new lawyer?
- Status of ordinance review proposal from potential consultant
- Social media update and planning
  - Follow Somerville EC and ask them to do the same; share each other's posts
- Brownfields technical assistance from NJIT

9) New Business

- Communication materials on forests and air quality with RVCC students (Emilie, Heath, and Ryan)
- Trees for Schools RFP (Heath): <https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/grants/trees-for-schools/>

10) Adjournment