



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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

April 17th, 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 April 17th, 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 March 20th

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

- 57/59 LaGrange Ave

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Debrief from stream/community clean up, April 12 (Emilie, Heath, Tony, Ryan)
- Cardinal Woods tree planting event, April 26
 - Logistics
 - Flyer and advertising
- Planning for rain barrel workshop, May 3
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- Update on grant proposals
 - Green Communities (Adam)
 - Trees for Schools (Heath)
- Budget request update (Heath)
- Updating impervious cover assessment conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Emilie)
 - Technical assistance program
- Community garden
 - Door hanger design update (Juan)
- Climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment
 - Status of borough master planning process? (Adam)
- Update and status of proposed revision of bylaws
 - Did the previous lawyer hand off the revised bylaws to the new lawyer? (Adam)

- Status of ordinance review proposal from potential consultant (Heath)
- Social media update and planning (Ryan)
 - Follow Somerville EC and ask them to do the same; share each other's posts
- Brownfields technical assistance from NJIT update (Emilie)
- RVCC tree/forest health communication materials (Ryan and Heath)
- Compost workshop with partner organization

9) New Business

10) Adjournment