



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

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting

May 15<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 May 15<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; Ben Harris; Adam Armahizer, Council Liaison

3) Flag Salute

4) Approval of Minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>

5) Report from Borough Council

6) Report from Planning Board

- 57/59 LaGrange Ave updates

7) Public Comment

8) Discussion Items

- Debrief from Cardinal Woods tree planting event, April 26 (Heath, Tony, Emilie, Chris)
- Debrief from rain barrel workshop, May 3 (Juan, Heath, Tony, Emilie)
- Update on grant proposals
  - Green Communities (Adam)
- Updating impervious cover assessment conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Emilie)
  - Technical assistance program
- Community garden
  - Update from DPW/Council on plans for site?
- 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)
- Ordinance review planning
  - Brainstorm questions for consultant
- Social media update and planning (Heath)
  - Handoff to Ben
- Brownfields technical assistance from NJIT (Emilie and Chris)
  - Begin brainstorming questions for Planning Board to ask owner

- RVCC tree/forest health communication materials (Emilie)
- Planning new outreach events
  - Composting workshop (tabled until next month)
  - Tree planting at Elizabeth Ave park
- Plans for upcoming visits to EC meetings
  - Ed Carrington (Duke Farms)
  - Borough engineer
  - Potential new EC member
  - Outreach to scouts

9) New Business

10) Adjournment