

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
April 16, 2014**

Chairperson McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson McCarthy read the following Open Public Meetings Act 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 the posting on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Borough Hall, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2014. In addition a copy of this notice is and has been made available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.”

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Rick Zack, Candance Bauer, Olga Metaxas, Tom Delacruz, Ann Marie McCarthy,  
Stefanie Gara, Council Liaison  
Absent: Lindsay SanGiacomo and Karen Baez

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

**REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Gara reported on the Raritan River Rain Barrel Rebate Program and the workshop that was held. Councilwoman Gara also reported on the Rain Garden workshop to be held at Duke Farms.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD LIAISON**

Mr. Zack reported on the drainage issues that have caused delays in the Tim Horton's project at the former Mr. Bee's location. He reported this will be coming to the Environmental Commission to address any environmental concerns. He also spoke of a variance application at the jug handle at Ortho on Route 202.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. Delacruz to open the meeting to the public. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

There being no comments from the public at this time, a motion was made by Ms. Bauer to close the meeting to the public. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Gara and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Annual River Cleanup**

The Annual River Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Councilwoman Gara reported that several organizations will be on hand to help this year, including the Central Jersey Stream Team, Duke Farms and Girl Scouts. Bags and rubber gloves will be available to those participating. It was suggested that the next cleanup be scheduled on a Saturday rather than a Sunday.

#### **Additional Clean Up (Outside Group)**

Councilwoman Gara spoke on a possible clean up at a stream between Bridgewater and Raritan behind homes on Woodmere. This site has been a dumping ground. Councilwoman Gara reported she is working with Bridgewater to join both municipalities and to schedule a cleanup at this site.

#### **Redevelopment Summit – April 29**

Councilwoman Gara reported on a Redevelopment Summit to be held on April 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined by Friday). She reported that the topic to be discussed is the Riverfront Development. Speakers include the Raritan Borough Engineer, Planner, Duke Farms Director, Somerset County Planning Director, Director of the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, Somerset County Park Commission and the Central Jersey Stream Team. She spoke of a proposed greenway. Flyers are to be distributed as soon as the location is determined. The proposed location is the Coach Barn at Duke Farms).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Gara spoke on a grant for a ramp and canoes for the Raritan River.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Gara, seconded by Mr. Delacruz to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved: *As Submitted.*  
Date: *May 21, 2014*

Ann Marie McCarthy, Chair