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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March 18, 2015

Chairman Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Chairman Kovac 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 March 18, 2015. 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: Tom Delacruz, James Foohey, Council Liaison, Jerry Kovac, Ann Marie McCarthy, Rick Zack, Planning Board Member

Absent: Olga Metaxas

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Zack to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015 as submitted. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Delacruz and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

### REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Foohey announced the River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015. A discussion ensued regarding a possible barbecue or sandwiches for participants at the end of the cleanup. An Earth Day Proclamation will be presented at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Commission will finalize details for the River Clean Up at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Kovac will check with Agway regarding gloves for the Clean Up and Councilman Foohey will check with the Somerset County Park Commission regarding bags for the Clean Up.

Councilman Foohey spoke on his priority to clean out the poison ivy at the Park and Canal.

Councilman Foohey reported Council will begin to televise its Council meetings, possibly with the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. It would be broadcast on the local channel as well as streamed on YouTube.

### **REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD LIAISON**

Mr. Zack spoke on Planning Board applications and noted they do not have any environmental impact.

### **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 Mr. Zack to close the meeting to the public. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Delacruz and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **2015 River Clean Up (April)**

This item was discussed during the Council Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A brief discussion ensued regarding geese at the old Washington School.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed a proposed amendment to the Environmental Commission ordinance adding two alternates to the Commission. The Commission also discussed the need for additional members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. Delacruz to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:  
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary