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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

August 19, 2015

Chairman Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 August 19, 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: Keith Abrams, Thomas Delacruz, James Foohey, Council Liaison, Jerry Kovac, Ann Marie McCarthy, Olga Metaxas, Rick Zack, Planning Board Member (via conference call)
Absent: Charles Toye

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

The administration of oaths of office for new members by the Mayor was tabled until the next meeting. Chairman Kovac welcomed new alternate member, Keith Abrams to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Metaxas to approve the minutes of May 20, 2015 as submitted. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Delacruz and carried upon call of the roll as follows:

Ayes: Delacruz, Kovac, McCarthy, Metaxas, Zack
Nays: None
Abstain: Abrams

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Foohey updated the Commission on the Township Council broadcasting its meetings and noted hopefully they will be on air by the next meeting. He announced that there would not be a Riverfest this year. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Environmental Commission holding an event similar to Bridgewater's Eco-Blast.

REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Zack reported there are no matters in front of the Planning Board that involve the Environmental Commission at this time.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Ms. Metaxas, 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. Metaxas to close the meeting to the public. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Delacruz and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foohey reported on a box of old files from the Environmental Commission as well as the Commission's banner. After a brief review of the box's contents, Mr. Foohey stated he would take the box home and review the documents. He also took the banner home until a formal storage place for it is determined.

NEW BUSINESS

The roster has been updated and distributed to the members attending.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Metaxas, seconded by Mr. Delacruz to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary