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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 21, 2015

Chairman Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 October 21, 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  
Absent: Charles Toye, Rick Zack, Planning Board Member

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Environmental Commission Meeting. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Metaxas and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

### REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Foohey reported the ordinance adding alternates to the Commission has been adopted. He reported that removal notices have been sent to the two members.

## **REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD**

### **Planning Board Application 15-009**

The Commission reviewed Planning Board Application 15-009, Raritan Valley Professional Center, LLC, located at 575 Route 28 (Block 26, Lots 11.03 and 11.02). After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to make the following comment: “The Commission expressed its concerns with the removal of trees, stormwater issues and increased traffic. Run off issues will result from the removal of trees. The Commission requested an Environmental Impact Study Report.”

### **Planning Board Application 15-008**

The Commission reviewed Planning Board Application 15-008, Raritan Orlando Drive Associates, LLC located at 20 Mill Street and 21 Orlando Drive (Block 116.02, Lots 3 and 4). After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to make the following comment: “Although the buildings are within flood lines, the Commission feels they are too close to the Raritan River. The Commission requests an Environmental Impact Study Report.”

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Delacruz spoke on the disposing of unused medicines and would obtain additional information for the Commission. Ms. Metaxas suggested this information be distributed to senior citizens.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Metaxas to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:  
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary