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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 19, 2015

Chairman Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 November 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, James Foohey, Council Liaison (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Jerry Kovac, Ann Marie McCarthy, Olga Metaxas, Rick Zack, Planning Board Member
Absent: Thomas Delacruz, Charles Toye

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 21, 2015 were tabled until the next meeting.

REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Zack reported that the application regarding the Riverview Apartments on Orlando Drive has been moved to November 30, 2015. He reported that the Planning Board discussed the Commission's recommendation for an environmental impact study on the Reynolds property and found the study was not necessary. The application was approved.

Councilman Foohey arrived at this time.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Foohy reported that Councilmen Giraldi and Sibia and the County Freeholders have presented an alternative plan for the site of the Riverview Apartments. Said alternative plan has not been discussed to date.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Zack, seconded by Ms. Metaxas 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 Ms. Metaxas and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to change its meeting dates from the 3rd Wednesdays to the 3rd Thursdays. Ms. McCarthy will check with the Borough Clerk to see if the meeting room is available for the new meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foohy reported on a box of old files from the Environmental Commission as well as the Commission's banner. He is looking for a permanent storage place for the banner. He stated most of the documents were outdated and not needed.

It was discussed that the Commission may have an event similar to Bridgewater's EcoBlast. It was suggested to reach out to Bridgewater's Commission regarding how they organized this event.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Metaxas, seconded by Mr. Abrams to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary