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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 20, 2016

Chairman Delacruz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Delacruz 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 20, 2016. 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: Michael DeCicco, Thomas Delacruz, Chairman, Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary, Olga Metaxas, Eric Wilde, Rick Zack, Planning Board Liaison
Absent: Robert McGinley, Council Liaison

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary McCarthy presented the following minutes for approval: June 16, 2016. The aforesaid minutes were approved upon motion by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Zack and carried upon voice vote.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

There was no report from the Borough Council at this time.

REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Zack reported there are many applications coming before the Planning Board. He noted he was uncertain if any need review by the Environmental Commission. Chairman Delacruz stated construction of apartments has started behind the Post Office. Ms. Metaxas questioned if there was enough parking in that area for the building.

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. Delacruz and carried unanimously upon voice vote

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Delacruz reported on a bird issue in the area of Tysley Place and Brentwood Road. He stated there have been sightings of numerous birds on lines and in the area in general. It was noted the birds were pigeons and it was questioned if someone was feeding them. Mr. DeCiccio noted there have been sightings of numerous birds on Somerset Street near the Bakery and across the street. He stated the trees planted along the street attract them and there are droppings all over the place.

After a brief discussion by the Commission, Chairman Delacruz stated he would contact someone he knows in the agricultural field. He stated he would look into this matter and follow up with the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Delacruz reported Council has approved the application to implement the prescription drop-off program. At this time, they are looking for a suitable receptacle for the program.

Mr. Wilde spoke on an article regarding water quality and chromium 6 levels that was reported at a Council meeting. He noted that Raritan was mentioned in the article. After a brief discussion, it was asked that the article be emailed to the Commission members and to post it on the Borough's website.

Chairman Delacruz stated he would contact Bridgewater regarding their EcoBlast.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. DeCicco to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary