

**Raritan Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2016**

Call to order – 7:15 pm Raritan Township Municipal Building
Attending: RS, MC, HQ, JG, RI

New Member: Introduction of Robert Ivanhoff – Vice President of NJ Wireless Association

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - none

Public Comment - none

Green Team – Sustainable Jersey Goals
Open Space is looking into using ANJEC Grants

Open Space – Tony H. submitting \$25,000 Grant for trail repairs near Minebrook
Discussion of County Trust Fund Draft Plan

Treasurer's Report - none

Community Forest Committee Members
2015 Community Forestry Plan
Goals 2016

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment – Planning board meeting was canceled

Correspondence: Wetlands Application BL43 Lot 1.01 – Amy will look at Plan on Friday

Old Business: **Road Cleanup Cherryville Hollow Road- April 2nd?** Ray will send an email with a couple of dates.
 Trees available from NJ Forest Service- Ray will sign up for it, Harry can help transport. We can hand them out at Kathy's rain barrel workshop in April, set some other times for people to pick them up. Jayne can also take some to Coldwell.
 Noise ordinance – township has an ordinance, includes times and decibels. Harry and Michelle will track the ordinance down. There may also be state regulations involved, depending on the land use. Ray talked to Jamie, if there is an issue with a site plan application, we should note it in our comments. For future discussion – ordinance re. noise such as engine braking.

New Business: **Accomplishment Report 2015 –** Ray trying to get this finished this week
 Environmental Commission Year End Report- Michelle and Ray to work on this.
 NRI update - Apparently Grants are available for paying 50% of consultant fees – needed every 10 years for Sustainable Jersey ours was last done 2006. Kathy will review scope of work.

Next meeting is March 1. Ray might have a conflict with the second March meeting.

Site Plan Review: BOA CASE NO 13-2015 BL44 LOTS 51-54

Bus parking and maintenance on Old Croton Road. No new construction or modification of existing structures. Continuation of a nonconforming use. Gravel parking lot already exists. No comment since there is no alteration to the site.

Adjournment