

**Raritan Township Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2016**

**Call to order – 7:00 pm Raritan Township Municipal Bldg**

Attending: RS, LO, MC, JIG, AG, ME, JG

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –**

**Public Comment – none**

**New Members**

Jeannie Geremia  
Robert Ivanhoff

**Green Team – none**

**Open Space –** funded to do agricultural preservation plan – would like to add parking area and improve trails at Johanna Farms Road Property

**Treasurer's Report –** we received the \$500 check from DPW for road Clean up

**Community Forest Committee Members**

2015 Community Forestry Status Report  
Goals 2016  
Big Tree Contest

**Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Representatives**

**Correspondence**

Hunterdon Land Trust- seeking donation of \$500

**Old Business**

Photos Web Page- send to Ray

**New Business**

Date Change to January 19- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:15 pm

**Site Plan Reviews**

**20 Johanna Farms Road Block 63.14 Lot 32 –** assorted site improvements and building additions, waiver for impervious coverage, applied to NJDEP for transition area waiver (averaging plan)

No stormwater plan or maintenance plan included

Ensure that tree protection ordinance is complied with- quantify number of trees to be removed and how many will be replaced

Good – note that disturbed lawn areas will be graded with lightweight equipment to avoid compaction

Basin should be planted with natural vegetation, other than turf grass, to improve water quality treatment and infiltration

Should not allow the additional impervious as it will affect the water quality in the Neshanic River, which is designated as impaired. If the coverage is approved, suggest use of pervious pavement to offset the requested variance in impervious surface coverage

Ensure that the modified transition area and the wetlands are deed restricted, remind them that the restricted area cannot be mowed

Area that currently contains the aeration basin that will be removed – how will this area be restored? Suggest native vegetation, such as pollinator habitat.