

**Raritan Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes for MONDAY March 14, 2016**

In attendance: Ray, Michelle, Kathy, Lynda, Amy, Harry, Rob

Excused: Michael, Jayne

Call to order – 7:15 pm Raritan Township Municipal Building

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – approved with comments

Public Comment-none

Green Team- meeting next week

Open Space- several new members, so doing a tour of properties, 3/27, let Amy or Harry know if you want to join. Several farmland preservation properties in the works as well. For Sustainable Jersey, the open space plan needs to be updated within 10 yrs of submission. The open space plan should be part of the master plan. Amy will send Michelle the updated version when it is completed.

Treasurer's Report Budget?

Community Forest- remember to check to see if the recent invasive species talks and/or forest stewardship talks qualify for CEUs

Big Tree Contest- Amy/Harry- Harry wrote up a narrative, can use for press release and also for advertising, posting on website, Facebook, etc. He will send it to Ray to send to everyone. Need to get the committee to approve it. Ray will submit it to the mayor. Will open the contest soon, and close it in late summer. We will verify each submission. Need a flyer for advertising. Michelle will put together a flyer. There are a couple big trees from the state list that are in Raritan Twp. (Copper Hill CC – river birch,)

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment –nothing for PB. Nothing for BoA.

Correspondence- Featherbed Lane property – wetlands application for GP10. It hasn't arrived at the Twp yet – Ray will check back to see when it comes in and get it to Amy for review.

Old Business: Road Cleanup April 2 Hampton Corner Road- The adopter of Hampton Corner Road went out of business, so Don would like us to do that stretch instead of Cherryville Hollow. 8 am, people can meet at Ray's house and carpool to the location, as parking is tight. 41 Mason Farm Road.

New Business:

- Michelle set up an email that we can use RaritanTownshipEC@gmail.com, ask Michelle for password.
- ANJEC Land Conservation Rally Trenton Friday March 18- Kathy is going
- NJ Tree Foundation & PSE & G "Right Tree in Right Place Friday March 25 8:30-12 Edison- Ray is going, Rob might go
- ANJEC EC training is this Saturday

Site Plan Review:

7 Old Croton Road Minor- we have looked at this before, but there is no indication to show what changed since the last submission. Changes made after Twp committee meeting. Proposing to plant Norway spruce, white pine would be a better alternative. Can't tell what other changes are. No additional comments.

Adjournment