

**Raritan Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday May 3, 2016**

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Public Comment none

Green Team: New Member(s) – Michelle sent the resume to Rose and copied the mayor, have not heard back, need to follow up with Rose

Open Space – Hunterdon County is doing a new open space plan and public program, Raritan township open space is participating

Treasurer's: Discussion on Replacement

Land Trust check has been sent

Ray put together request for budget – add line item for Hunterdon Land Trust

Community Forest

Big Tree Contest Applicants?

1 application so far 127" circumference

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment

Correspondence

Old Business

Rain Barrel workshop occurred April 13, 2016 – 14 participants

New Business:

Community Day – Look into info booklets or material for children – Rutgers Cooperative Extension may have materials

Harry – bird pictures

Ray – fossils and tree stuff

Ray – ask Raritan Headwaters to do macroinvertebrates demonstration

Michelle – seed card giveaways pricing

Amy – possible tree tours at Lenape

Kathy - Maybe stick game for children

Site Plan Review: Stothoff Block 27 Lots 29 & 30 River Road Subdivide and FARM PRESERVATION

Owns land either side of River Road, several lots, applied and approved by county agricultural committee to go into farmland preservation, need to change lot lines to separate existing house and the rest of the land to farmland preservation.

Acceptable

Chimney Rock Inn (former American Legion Site)

Increase landscaping to comply with parking lot ordinance requirements

Plant additional trees along 31 and norther property boundaries

Plant native species not invasive Bradford Callery Pear, not Green Ash because it is susceptible disease

Opportunities to plant within storm water swale

Objection to exceeding allowable impervious surface per township ordinance – comply to 55% requirement

See no reason to allow waiver of traditional buffer yard adjacent to right of way

Ray Simonds would like to see Flemington's EC comments regarding this site

Adjournment