

**Raritan Township Environmental Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2020**

**Call to order** – 7:30 pm Raritan Township Municipal Building

**Attending:** Tom Smith, Jeff Vaccarella, Ray Simonds, Michelle Calvilchire, Rezaul Karim, Jane Gilbert, Grace Mitchko, Kathy Hale

**Minutes Approval:** Minutes from 1/9/20

**Reappointments:** Has everyone been sworn in. Rezaul, Kathy and Amy

**Officer Positions: Chair appointment by Mayor**

**Chairperson:** Ray Simonds

**ViceChairperson:** Michelle Cavalchire

**Secretary:** Grace Mitchko

**Treasurer:** Rezaul Karim

**Public Comment:** Public is welcome to attend our meetings but not before our regular starting time of 7:30. Also, please limit your comments to 3 minutes per person.

**Green Team:**

- New members David Moutner and John Giotis
- Green team to meet at 7 pm Thursdays before the environmental commission meeting. Perhaps to meet informally more often as a small group or bi-monthly meetings. First-round is May 17; there are three rounds of review total. Sustainable Jersey has a profile with RTEC which needs to have points uploaded per activity- if approved points are awarded to be eligible for grants, certifications, and funding.
- Article discussed- American Chesnut tree replanting r/t ash borer Ash tree loss in the community
- A Green Fair can be held in the community in collaboration with local schools - as an option to work towards earning points for Sustainable Jersey - an example
- Ray to sit in at Delaware township meeting next week - he will look into collaborative activities
- IT is important to collaborate with other townships in the county. For example, waste projects should be done collaboratively, as to utilize resources and reduce overlap in operations

**Community Forestry:**

- Plan pushed off to 2024 due to pending changes in processes, an extension has been given
- Plan for CEUs of 2020 – will continue to sign up for webinars, and continue the search for upcoming events with CEU credits available
- **Annual Accomplishment Report**

**Open Space:**

- No updates

**Treasurer:**

- Membership for ANJEC has been pushed
- Budget for the year to be established

**Planning Board and Board of Adjustment:**

- No updates

**Correspondence:**

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- ANJEC Membership 2020
- Received letter stating application for LOI will be submitted for RINCHEM COMPANY to NJDEP
- Raritan township DPW now accepting plastic bags
- Salem Oak tree (historic) died - acorns given out to different municipalities- Raritan township to get an acorn to plant

**Old Business:** Are Minutes Updated

**New Business:**

- ANJEC Letter concerning plastic reuse

**Site Plan Review:**

- Fred Bean Route 202 Site review - want to add edition for service and repair. will have to go to board of adjustments for approvable as it is a separate function. No environmental logistics are involved.

**Adjournment:**

- This meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020.