

Raritan twp. environmental commission meeting 7/25

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

Attending: Ray Simonds, Grace Mitchko, Rezaul Karim, Jayne Gilbert

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 relating to agenda items ONLY.

Minute's approval:

All in attendance:

Public comment:

-Township citizen – Barbara Sauchau

-Guest speaker – Mara Tippet from Raritan headwaters

-homeowners should test yearly for bacteria and nitrate in their private wells

-RH offers free well testing year round at their office and also has events including at community day.

Green Team

-There is a potential opportunity for a joint project between the local school district and RTEC... will follow. During the summer they are closed.

Community Forestry

-We will need to plan redo many documents for recertification for next year, and we may need to complete additional CEU's.

Open Space

-Carman cemetery went before planning board last night - no update.

Treasurer

-No update

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment

-No update

Correspondence

-ANJEC - letter - regarding plastics & recycling

Old business

-Rain garden maintenance - no update

-Dam removal project

-Community Day

-Tick brochures - successful

New business

-Jane made a motion that RTEC move forward to work to ban plastic straws in RT

-seconded by Rezaul Karim

-passed

Site plan review

-Fudge Shoppe Subdivision/Variance

-Request to subdivide and combine portions of existing lots

-Requesting updates on future / proposed work

-Block 36.02 Lot 5.02 Self Storage Variance - reviewed site plan

-Request to build new storage facility on existing wooded, undeveloped property

-"Needs explanation of tree removal/replacement, slope and flooding possible, waiting for wetland delineation from DEP, address wrong."

Adjournment