

**Agenda for the Environmental Commission 7:00 PM March 18th, 2019,  
Brian Boden, Acting Chair**

- 1a) Approval of the Minutes from our February Meeting – **All Present**
- 1b) Mary provided the EC Minutes for the December meeting.
- 2) Diana Orban Brown will discuss a draft letter proposal from the EC in support of the Township Green Acres Grant application for the Historic Park at Pitney Farms.
- 3) The EC has formed a grant-writing group to submit a proposal to ANJEC for maintenance of our Open spaces. – **Brian & Sue**
- 4) Plantings for the Seeing Eye property. Cost – **John**
- 5) Assessments of pedestrian easements prioritize progress –**Morse & Sue**
- 6) Educational program on composting for Township, progress with Parks and Recreation – **Pamela**
- 7) Planning Board Projects, – **Janet**
- 8) FYI: Raritan Headwaters Association State of the Watershed indicates local rivers tested 16% of sites tested as excellent, 56% as good, 25% as fair and 3% as poor, overall a C rating.
- 9) Mendham Township will have a Raritan River Clean up on April 13th covering Roxiticus Road and the Schiff property. If you are interested sign up at the Raritan River Headwaters web site ( <https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/stream-cleanup/> ) - **All**

**Follow Ups**

- 1) The EC follow up on a plaque for the Township to recognize Ralph Rhodes for his years of valuable service to Mendham Township EC - **Brian**
- 2) Trail Stewards Program Updates - **Brian**

- 3) Open Space & Scout funding Requests – **Brian, Sue**
- 4) Scout's projects updates - **Brian**
- 5) Mike Van Clef, Mosle Program
- 6) FYI: Parks and Recreation, has a new director David Guida
- 7) High school members' program and activities
- 8) Nitrate testing progress - **Janet**
- 9) Great Swamp Watershed Association updates - ?

**EC Notifications:**

At 4 Ballantine Road, a waver request to increase the septic field by 50% - **Brian**

**Future Issues & Events:**

1) Private Wells and Public Water Supply Testing and Treatment Basic for Healthy Communities March 5th, 3-5 pm, Flemington. Check Raritan River web site for details and Location ( <https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/event/private-wells-and-public-water-supply-testing-and-treatment-basics-for-healthy-communities/> ).

2) ANJEC 2019 Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – Training (recommended for **all new members** who have not taken it): ( <http://www.anjec.org/ConfWorkshops.htm> )

March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th

3) NJ Invasive Species Strike Team Report, March 27th, at conference at Duke Farms, Hillsborough NJ, Note: \$100.

4) Raritan Watershed, Climate Resilient Municipalities: Controlling Storm water, protecting Streams & Maintaining Water Quality May 16th., 2-4 pm, Basking Ridge. Check Raritan River web site for details and Location: (

<https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/event/climate-resilient-municipalities-controlling-stormwater-protecting-streams-and-maintaining-water-quality/> ).