

Morristown Environmental Commission Morristown Town Hall 200 South Street, Morristown, N.J. 07960 MEETING MINUTES FEB 4, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room 201

Roll Call: Chairwoman Casey Ezyske, Commissioners Jonathan Kim, Scott Marum, Aaron Oliver,

Raizzi Stein, Bob Upton

Excused: Commissioner Sonia Marsilio **Public:** David Okada, Jennifer Vitanzo

I. The Minutes of the Dec 3rd, 2024 MEC Meeting were approved unanimously.

II. Chair Ezyske welcomed new Cmsnr Raizzi Stein, and welcomed back Cmsnr Aaron Oliver. She also welcomed members of the public.

III. Public Session

• There were no comments from the public.

IV. New Business

- Chair Ezyske reviewed concerns about over salting on town property. She is collecting
 evidence of locations where it occurs. She noted that rules associated with salting are
 included in MS4 Permit requirements.
- o Caitlin Posthumus in the Mayor's office has added Clean Communities Coordinator to her responsibilities and will assume responsibility for the two annual townwide cleanups.
- o Chair Ezyske will now hold regular meetings with Town Administrator Barrick.

V. Old Business

- The Adopt-A-Spot litter collection around the train station planned for January 25th was cancelled as the program focusses on public property. The event planned for March 22nd is still planned to proceed in a revised format.
- Cmsnr Marum announced that the MEC Facebook page is now active and encouraged everyone to like and share it.
- As noted at the December meeting three locations were identified for possible grants and support within the Landscape Makeover Program for Lake Communities in the Highlands program, (1) community garden off Elliott St, (2) Sussex Ave Elementary School and (3) parking lot at Speedwell playground. Sites (1) & (3) have been approved and Rutgers will survey them and provide proposals.
- Cmsnr Upton continues to gather knowledge about the town recycling program. Blue Diamond Disposal eventually responded by advising that the town's commingle recycling and cardboard recycling goes to Gaeta Recycling in Paterson NJ. He has contacted Gaeta requesting more information. (Town & County guidance still include conflicting plastics info).
- Cmsnr Stein provided a review of the Planted Society initiative "Eat for Impact" project which will launch in February announcing March 2025 as Eat for Impact Month in

Morristown. A number of restaurants and sponsors have signed up for the event and more are being added.

VI. Next meeting: Tuesday March 4th, 7:30 pm.