



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street,
Morristown, N.J. 07960

MEETING MINUTES
April 7th, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall 3rd Floor Senior Center

Roll Call: Chair Stefan Armington, Commissioners Joe Bua, Tina Galante, Bob Upton
Absent: Commissioners Scott Marum, Elham Mehdizadeh, Aaron Oliver
Guest: Kirby Johnston, Recycling Center; Bob Iannaccone, Morristown Council; Caitlin Posthumus, Clean Communities Coordinator
Public: Andrea Dolan

I. Open Public Session/Guest Speakers

- Kirby Johnson gave an overview of the operation of the Morristown Recycling Center and curbside collection and answered questions. Recycling collected curbside is taken directly to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) which is capable of removing non-recyclables and sorting recyclables into the different types of metals, plastics, etc. Cmsnrs remarked that recycling guidance on the town website needs clarification. This is not within Mr. Johnston's control so MEC will review and offer suggestions. Cmsnrs expressed interest in visiting the MRF.
- Andrea Dolan: Proposed Food Waste Pilot Program. Ms. Dolan has conducted research into food waste programs in other communities and the requirements of the NJ Food Waste Reduction Law and drafted a proposal for a 6 month pilot program involving 80 volunteer households separating their food waste from other household waste to be delivered to collection bins and transported for composting or other use. Potential benefits are receipt of State Tonnage Grant funds and reduced solid waste tipping fees plus learning experience and the opportunity to scale up ahead of the new law. But most importantly it's the right thing to do for the environment. To support Ms. Dolan in her efforts Cmsnrs voted to appoint her Chair of the MEC Recycling Committee. Chair Armington will seek a meeting with the mayor to advance the proposal.
- Clean Communities: Ms. Posthumus reminded us the Morristown Spring Cleanup is May 16th, Dunkin Donuts is sponsoring, town shred day will be June 6th at Town Hall and the Adopt-A-Spot program should be launched on the town website shortly. MEC will participate with Clean Communities and Shade Tree Commission at an informational table at MPAC on July 14 or 28, date tbd.

II. Old Business

- Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The grant received by the town has been assigned to the Town's consultant Planner, Topology for implementation and next steps such as public engagement will be forthcoming.
- Environmental Resource Inventory. The grant application to update the ERI has been submitted to Sustainable Jersey. Chair Armington will be communicating with the Historical Preservation Commission to contribute information from their perspective.

- MEC Facebook/Social Media update – discussion postponed.
- MEC Green Team: Kickoff meeting has been scheduled for Monday May 11 at 7:00pm.
- ANJEC: The Fundamentals training webinars from March 24-26 are now available on-line and the in-person training in Newark on May 2nd will contain additional material.

III. New Business

- Spring Cleanup – see above.
- MEC/STC ANJEC grant for Jacob Ford Park Pollinator Garden – Grant application was submitted by the MEC to support the STC’s reforestation project at Jacob Ford Park. The project will include planting a 80 foot by 25 foot pollinator garden with trees. The work will be done by a local group of volunteers, the MEC and the STC, in October 2026.
- Morristown Rotary Environmental Series. MEC has accepted an invitation to present its current projects on May 27th at 7:30 am at the Best Western and 12:15pm at the Morristown Club

IV. Next meeting: Tuesday May 5th at 7:30 pm.