

Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2016

7:30pm meeting, Room 201

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Robert Parker

Richard Isleib

Jennifer Coglon

Nathan Umbriac

Steve Pylypchuk, Vice Chair & Secretary

Priscilla Grigas, 1st Alternative

Justin Davis, 2nd Alternative

Absent: Michelle Dupree-Harris

Guests: None

7:36pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. **Introduction of New Members:** Priscilla Grigas and Justin Davis
4. **Open Public Session:** No members of public present, Open Public Session closed
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Office of Sustainability:** No Report
 - b. **Finance:** No Report from Treasurer Rich Isleib
 - c. **Planning Board:** Maureen reviewed Planning Board Packet and found nothing pertaining to the Environmental Commission. Position of Planning Board Liaison is still vacant and Mayor Dougherty will appoint a member of the Planning Board to the Environmental Commission.
 - d. **Town Council:** No Report
6. **Environmental Commission Bylaws:** Maureen has talked with Town Attorney Vij Pawar and Business Administrator Jillian Barrick and has setup meetings with each to discuss process of updating Environmental Commission Bylaws. Maureen will update her progress at the next meeting.
7. **Sustainable Morristown Liaison:** Maureen has previously served as the liaison to Sustainable Morristown and would like to step down from that role. No volunteers were identified at the time and the discussion was tabled. Discussions regarding the background of Sustainable Morristown continued. Sustainable Morristown is scheduled to present at the next Environmental Commission meeting.
8. **Commissioner Certification:** Maureen provided all Commissioners with ANJEC Certification Training Schedule (1 course offered 3 times during the month of March) and advised the MEC that the Town Administration expects all members to be certified. Failure to do so could potentially impact appointments to the Commission.
9. **Pilgrim Pipeline:** Maureen discussed previous resolution passed by the Town Council and the possibility of passing an ordinance preventing pipeline construction within the town. Justin provided additional background regarding the process of pipeline construction approvals and neighboring towns' actions. Additional discussions were tabled.
10. **Morristown Environmental Commission 2016 Initiatives:** Maureen solicited ideas for initiatives for the 2016 year from each commissioner. The following goals were approved by acclamation:
 - a. Community Gardens at Alexander Hamilton School

- b. Community Involvement at Town Events
 - i. Festival Earth
 - ii. Fall Festival
 - iii. Town-wide Cleanup
- c. Water Restrictions and Rain Barrels
- d. Home Composting
- e. Finalize Kleitman Project
 - i. All phases of project: grading, erection of pergola & “Kleitman” sign.
 - ii. Ensure press coverage at final insertion of sign with the Kleitman family, town officials, Hillcrest Park neighborhood & officials from TPL (Trust for Public Land) and Green Acres.
- f. Review Environmental Commission’s Open Space Plan
 - i. Review process of acquiring open space

11. Morristown Environmental Commission Website: Steve presented the findings of his research relating to Website design and hosting. Maureen made a motion to use Squarespace as the provider of Morristown Environmental Commission’s website, pending funding from the town. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by acclamation. Maureen appointed Steve to chair the Website Committee. Nathan and Richard volunteered to serve on the committee with Steve.

12. Morristown Environmental Commission Long Term Vision: Steve proposed the idea of forming a long term vision for the Commission. Discussions ensued beginning with a Zero Waste Initiative and what is specifically involved in such an initiative. Steve made a motion to include a Zero Waste Initiative as part of the Commission’s Vision. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 pm.

Next meeting March 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Vice Chair & Secretary