



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street, Room 200
Morristown, N.J. 07960
August 6, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Conf. Room 201

Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Umbriac, Grigas, Pylypchuk, Ginsberg
and Council Liaison Deeb

I. Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2019

II. Open Public Session

III. **New Business** – Chairperson Denman to report
Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

1. A letter was sent to NJ Transit on behalf of the MEC pursuant to the presentation the board received from Councilman Stefan Armington last month on the Greater Morristown Greenway along Patriots Path Speedwell to Martin Luther King to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety along the .09 parcel of Patriot's Path within the Town of Morristown. The MEC requested guidance from NJ TRANSIT on the grant funded project stalemate in order to proceed with the steps toward the construction of the project.
2. The project requires an easement from NJ Transit to traverse their property, adjacent to the Morris & Essex line tracks. Currently, a property survey is needed to establish the easement language for the project to move forward.
3. The Town received the Bathymetric report from Solitude Lake Management just prior to the July meeting and had the town Engineers work with the Town's Environmental Engineering firm to assess the report and feasibility for hydro-raking based on the quantitative analysis of the sediment in the pond.
4. The Town Engineers will be taking the next steps to initiate the hydro-raking at Foote's Pond.
5. An assessment of the riparian zone and invasive species at Burnham Pond was performed last week and will be forthcoming at the next MEC meeting.
6. MEC Newsletter moved to Fall. MEC Newsletter Committee to provide DRAFT at September or October 2019 MEC meeting.

Town Clean Up – April 27 – Thank you to all MEC Volunteers who participated in the annual clean-up at Foote’s Pond and the MEC’s annual partnering with “Friend of Foote’s Pond” Spring Tree Planting at Foote’s Pond.

7. Mayor’s 3rd Annual Lakeside Cleanup debrief
 - Pro’s vs Cons of doing in June vs May
 - Should we move to the Fall?

IV. **Ongoing Business - Committee Reports**

- Board of Adjustment: BOA member Pylpynchuk to advise the MEC on any new applications before the BOA
- Planning Board – No updates
- Town Council – Councilwoman Allison Deeb to provide update
- MEC Bylaws - Maureen to work with Town Attorney Pawar

VI. **2019 MEC Initiatives –**

- **Environmental Pet Safe Rock Salt Initiative**
 - Offering Residents P.F. Rock Salt (pickup centralized location)
 - Reduced Cost purchasing in bulk
 - Residents pre-order by weight
- **MEC Composter Initiative**
 - Offering Residents Composters at Reduced Fixed Rate
 - Including Composting Workshops
 - Composting Centralized location
- MEC One-Park-Per-Year
- Environmental Grants
 - Possible add-on of WiFi networks
 - Big Belly Trash Receptacles
 - Bottle Filling stations

Sub-Committee Updates – Upcoming Events

Community Outreach Committee

MEC’s annual partnering with “Friend of Foote’s Pond” Spring Tree Planting at Foote’s Pond.