



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2017

7:30pm Meeting, Room 200

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Priscilla Grigas

Justin Protasiewicz

Nathan Umbriac

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair

Justin Davis

Marc Baumann, 1st Alternate

Jennifer Markas, 2nd Alternate

Commissioners Excused:

Toshiba Foster (Town Council Liaison)

Guests:

Anthony Devizio – Morristown Town Engineer

7:32pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation.

3. Open Public Session: No members of public present.

4. New Business:

a. Mr. Devizio briefed the commission on the progress of the Kleitman property. He shared preliminary plans for regrading the property to make it ADA compliant and for the installation of a play area. Mr. Devizio expects the project to be out to bid for construction by spring 2017 and explained that the town has money budgeted for construction. Additional discussions continued regarding the placement of the sign on the property

b. Footes Pond:

Chair Denman reported that the Town is proceeding with the grant through the PSEG Foundation to offset the cost of additional studies of Footes Pond. She also reported the town received the grant from The Trust for Public Land to construct a new foot path around the pond. Sustainability

Commissioner Umbriac updated the commission on Sustainable Morristown's progress in pursuing Bronze Certification with Sustainable Jersey. Sustainable Morristown is also leading efforts for Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification and will be provide an update to the MEC at a later meeting.

c. Finance

No update.

5. Ongoing Business:

a. Board of Adjustment:

No update

b. Planning Board:

No update. MEC is still without a Planning Board Liaison.

c. Sustainable Morristown (SusMo):



Commissioner Umbriac had a call with SusMo regarding composting initiatives. SusMo's President Lauren Cranmer is an expert in composting and offered assistance with the MEC's initiative. Susmo also expressed interest in aligning goals with the MEC. Commissioner Umbriac also provided an update regarding the Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification.

d. Northrup Grumman:

Commissioner Protasiewicz updated the MEC on his research into the property and the ongoing cleanup. He reached out to the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) in charge of the site but has no additional updates.

6. MEC Initiatives:

a. MEC Website

Commissioner Pylypchuk provided an update regarding the MEC website. Building the website continues to be an ongoing venture

b. Grant Committee

New committee members consist of Justin Davis, Jennifer Markas and Priscilla Grigas

c. Community Outreach Committee

New committee members consist of Maureen Denman, Nathan Umbriac and Jennifer Markas

d. 2017 Initiatives

Commissioners provided new ideas for 2017 initiatives. Ideas presented:

- School Recycling programs
- Town wide recycling initiatives
- Patriot's Path connection
- Revised MEC logo
- Open Space preservation at the former BOE building on Mills St and Hazlett St
- Composting
- Energy Conservation
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 pm

Next meeting March 7, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair