



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street, Room 200
Morristown, N.J. 07960
February 6, 2018
7:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Pylypchuk, Davis, Baumann, Grigas, Tango, Ginsburg and Council Liaison Deeb
Excused: Commissioner Umbriac

II. Approval of Minutes for January 2, 2017

III. Open Public Session

IV. **New Business** – Chairperson Denman to report

- Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

Chairperson Denman welcoming newly appointed Commissioner Don Ginsburg to the MEC & new Council Liaison Allison Deeb.

Chair Denman to debrief the commission on the following:

1. The MEC will host the 2nd Annual Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup at Pocahontas & Speedwell Lakes this Spring. A date has been confirmed with the Mayor's office for May 19th from 9am – 2pm. Commissioner Grigas will chair the Subcommittee.
2. ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,500 to the Town of Morristown on behalf of the MEC for Elliot Street Community Garden. An In-Kind donation match was made & Council President Stefan Armington is spearheading the project with the Elliot St. neighborhood members. Chair Denman has requested a status report from Councilman Armington in the Spring of 2018.
3. NV5 has begun the Hydrology/Hydraulics study on Foote's Pond. The study is estimated to take 8-12 months at which time a thorough analysis will be compiled and presented along with an analysis so that the Council can make an informed decision relative to the health and wellbeing of the Pond. Town Engineer Anthony DiVizio to debrief the MEC at the March MEC meeting.
4. The Kleitman Woods Project that kicked off on June 5th was near completion however, due to the frigid temperatures, the work is on hold until the final stages can be completed. MEC is slated to do collaborative planting prior to ribbon cutting. The project is anticipated to be completed on or before May 1, 2018.

V. **Ongoing Business - Committee Reports**

- Board of Adjustment: Chair Denman will provide the MEC with the 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. **2018 MEC Initiatives –**

Chair Denman met with Jillian Barrick to request input and support on the following Initiatives identified at the January 2018 meeting:

- **MEC End of Year Flyer**
 - MEC Quarterly Flyer
- **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

J. Barrick to speak with Town Attorney & provide feedback

- **MEC Composter Initiative**
 - Offering Residents Composters at Reduced Fixed Rate
 - Including Composting Workshops
 - Composting Centralized location

Chair Denman to discuss Chair from Town of Cranford & Madison EC's to obtain details on how project was done in their towns and then report back to J. Barrick

- MEC to focus on One-park-per-year theme
- Fall Lakes Cleanup
- Single Stream Recycling
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- Environmental Grants
 - Possible add-on of WiFi networks
 - Big Belly Trash Receptacles
 - Bottle Filling stations
- Board of Adjustment / Planning Board Application Comment Letters
Commissioner Pylypchuk to draft example for MEC review/consideration
- School Recycling
- **ADDITIONAL BRAINSTORMING IDEAS**

8. **Sub-Committee Updates – Upcoming Events**

Community Outreach Committee

MEC Flora/Fauna Planting Collaboration at Foote's Pond. September date was delayed and a Spring planting will be planned together with the Friends of Foote's Pond & MEC in the area of Foote's Woods best suitable for a "Collaborative Planting"

Annual Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup

Commissioner Grigas to schedule subcommittee meeting during the next month