



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 11, 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

Marc Baumann, 1st Alternate

Jennifer Markas, 2nd Alternate

Commissioners Excused:

Justin Davis

Toshiba Foster (Town Council Liaison)

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 December 6, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation with one abstention.

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

4. New Business:

a. Chair Denman introduced newest Commissioner, Jennifer Markas who was recently appointed as 2nd Alternate.

b. Footes Pond:

Chair Denman reported that the MEC submitted the official final report before the Town Council and Mayor on Oct. 23, 2016. The MEC has recommended that the town pursue the recommendation made by the consultant to do an additional 8-12 month study on the pond. Chair Denman submitted a request to offset the cost of the additional study through the 2017 Small Grants Program sponsored by Sustainable Jersey & PSEG Foundation and is currently in the process of working with C. Kapura, the grant writer for the Town. Morristown was also awarded a stewardship grant through The Trust for Public Land Green Acres Grant program to construct a new foot path around the pond.

c. 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.

d. 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. Kleitman Property:



Chair Denman to invite the town engineer and the director of public works to the February meeting to discuss the outstanding engineering issues for the property.

d. Northrup Grumman:

Commissioner Protasiewicz updated the MEC on his research into the property and the ongoing cleanup. Commissioner Protasiewicz will continue researching and will update the MEC at the next meeting. Chair Denman has kept the town council informed on the progress.

6. MEC Initiatives:

a. MEC Website

Commissioner Pylypchuk thanked Commissioner Umbriac for his assistance in getting the MEC website going. The website committee will meet prior to the February meeting to discuss more options for the website.

b. Grant Committee

The Town's grant writer is assisting the MEC in pursuing the PSEG Grant for \$20,000 to help offset the cost of the additional studies at Foote's Pond.

c. 2017 Initiatives

Chair Denman requested each commissioner present one new initiative for consideration at the February meeting for 2017.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair