



## **Morristown Environmental Commission**

### **Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**January 2, 2018**

**7:30 p.m.**

I. Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Pylypchuk, Umbriac, Davis, Baumann, Grigas, Markas, Tango and Council Liaison Foster

II. Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2017

III. Open Public Session

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

- Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

Chairperson Denman to debrief the commission on the following:

1. The Town of Morristown was recently recognized for achieving Silver-Level Certification status as part of the Sustainable Jersey program on November 14, 2017 at the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. Morristown is one of only fourteen municipalities in the state of New Jersey to earn the Silver Certification this year and one of forty eight municipalities in the state to be awarded this certification since Sustainable Jersey's program start in 2009

2. The MEC will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup at Pocahontas & Speedwell Lakes this Spring. Currently awaiting confirmation on date from Mayor's office between May 12, May 19 and June 2. Commissioner Grigas leading the Subcommittee. Will confirm with entire Commission once final date received.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. The Kleitman Woods Project that kicked off on June 5<sup>th</sup> was near completion however, due to the frigid temperatures, the work is on hold until the final stages can be completed. Chairwoman

Denman to ask Town Engineer Anthony DiVizio to provide update to the MEC at the February 2018 MEC meeting.

**6. 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 – Toshiba Foster to provide update
- MEC Bylaws - Maureen to work with Town Attorney Pawar

**7. 2018 MEC Initiatives –**

Chair Denman requested each commissioner present one new initiative for consideration at the January meeting. Commissioners to select Initiatives & objectives for 2018

- ADDITIONAL BRAINSTORMING IDEAS

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

Community Outreach Committee

- a) 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"
- b) Composting Initiatives