



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2017

7:30pm Meeting, Mayor's Conference Room
Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair
Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair
Nathan Umbriac

Justin Davis
Priscilla Grigas
Jennifer Markas, 2nd Alternate

Commissioners Excused:

Justin Protasiewicz
Marc Baumann, 1st Alternate
Councilwoman Toshiba Foster (Council Liaison)

7:35pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation. Note that the June 6 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

Open Public Session: No members of public present.

New Business:

1. Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator
 - a. Chair Denman thanked the commission for their efforts during the Mayor's Lakes Spring Cleanup. Discussions continued on how to maintain Speedwell and Pocahontas Lakes including a fall lake cleanup. Chair Denman expressed interest in teaming up with other organizations for cleanups and will follow up.
2. ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant
 - a. 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.
3. Foote's Pond
 - a. The Town has selected NV5 to conduct 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.
 - b. Chairperson Denman attended the Friends of Foote's Pond (FOFP) meeting on Monday, July 10th. and provided an update on the upcoming study embarking at Foote's Pond. She informed the FOFP that \$50K has been deposited in the account earmarked for NV5 hydrology study on Foote's Pond.
4. Kleitman Woods Project
 - a. Ribbon cutting event was held on June 5th and work is scheduled to start within the next couple of weeks.
5. Sustainable Morristown
 - a. MEC was represented at SUSMO's Festival Earth Day on May 6th. Chair Denman thanked Commissioner Grigas for "womanning" the MEC table.
 - b. SUSMO submitted the application for the upcoming Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification.
6. Finances
 - a. No update.



Ongoing Business:

1. Board of Adjustment:
 - a. No applications at this time.
2. Planning Board:
 - a. No applications at this time. MEC is still without a Planning Board Liaison.
3. Town Council
 - a. No update. Councilwoman Foster excused from meeting.
4. MEC Bylaws
 - a. No update.

2017 MEC Initiatives

1. Recycling
 - a. Chair Denman will schedule walk with DPW Director Rich Fernicola regarding the Bigbelly Smart Waste Model.

Sub-Committee Updates

1. Community Outreach Committee
 - a. MEC Flora/Fauna Planting Collaboration at Foote's Pond.
 - i. A "Walk-Through" was held on April 27th with John Peel, the Environmental Engineer who performed the T&E assessment for the MEC on Foote's Pond. He voluntarily offered his expertise with the Community Outreach Subcommittee and Friends of Foote's Pond to identify areas of Foote's Woods best suitable for a "Collaborative Planting" with the MEC & FOFP. Planting will take place in the fall. Chair Denman thanked the Farm at Green Village for donating plants for the event.
 - b. Composting Initiatives
 - i. Committee is working with the Morristown Partnership to setup a program for local farmers to accept compost in exchange for produce.
 - c. Recycling Initiative at Morris School District Schools
 - i. Committee has spoken with the Principal of Lafayette Learning Center and they are interested in the MEC initiative. Communication remains ongoing.

Upcoming Events

1. Fall Festival
 - a. Fall Festival is scheduled for September 24. MEC will have a table at the event. Possible event items included Composting Demonstration with signup list for purchasing and information on the Fall Lake Cleanup event.

Meeting Adjourned 8:03 pm

Next meeting August 1, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair