



## **Morristown Environmental Commission**

**Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**July 3, 2018 - Minutes**

**7:30 p.m.**

I. Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Baumann, Umbriac, Davis, Grigas, Pylypchuk

Excused Council Liaison Deeb, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Ginsburg

II. Minutes for June 5, 2018 approved

III. Open Public Session – No persons from the public present

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

- Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

Chair Denman to debrief the commission on the following:

1. Chairwoman Denman to update the MEC on the “clean-up” of Burnham Park at the July meeting with details. Burnham Park was selected in January of 2018 as one of the MEC’s goals to “Adopt a Park” each year.

Multiple site walks have taken place at Burnham Park in an effort to garner interest and support for a cleanup. Multiple invasive species (5) have been identified. Goal of supporters is to restore riparian buffer around lake edges. The MEC is going to host an invasive species cleanup-up training during the late summer.

Professor Pat Rector of Rutgers University is designing an app to be launched to educate the public on invasive species removal and education. Professor rector has also volunteered his research students and his own University funded research grant money to aid in the study of the lake.

2. MEC discussed possible use of products such as “Bio Lake Clear” and “Solitude Invasive Aquatic Management” to help with sedimentation and silt buildup in Town waters. MEC to investigate more and possibly have representatives from the companies who sell these products present at a future meeting.
3. Town Council will approve the land purchase adjacent to Footes Pond. Approval will take place at next Council meeting (Tuesday 7/10 @ 7:30pm)

4. The Footes Pond exhibit is now open at the Morristown Library.

V. **Ongoing Business - Committee Reports**

- Board of Adjustment: No applicable applications to review
- Planning Board – No updates
- Town Council – Councilwoman Allison Deeb not present to provide update
- MEC Bylaws - Maureen to work with Town Attorney Pawar

VI. **2018 MEC Initiatives –**

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 provide details from Town of Cranford on how initiative done and then report back to J. Barrick*
- MEC One-Park-Per-Year
- Environmental Grants 
  - Possible add-on of WiFi networks
  - Big Belly Trash Receptacles
  - Bottle Filling stations

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

**Community Outreach Committee**

No update

Meeting adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Baumann, Secretary