



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 5, 2019

7:30pm Meeting, Room 201

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Steve Pylypchuk

Nathan Umbriac

Priscilla Grigas

Don Ginsberg

Councilwoman Alison Deeb (Council Liaison)

Members of public Present:

Linda Carrington 49 Macculloch Ave. Morristown

John and Susan Landau 128 James St, Morristown

Wilhelmina Juhlin – 7 Sherwood Dr, Morris Twp

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

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the February, 2019 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation

Open Public Session:

- Linda Carrington expressed her concerns in delaying action at Foote's Pond due to required permitting. Ms. Carrington also updated the MEC on goose addling efforts on the town's waterbodies.
- Susan and John Landau expressed interest in hearing the MEC's position and updated on Foote's Pond
- Wilhelmina Juhlin expressed interest in hearing the MEC's position and updated on Foote's Pond

New Business:

Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator

- Kleitman Woods project ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday May 4, 2019. Chair Denman reported some vandalism on the playground equipment.
- Foote's Pond
MEC's recommendation was presented before the Town Council at the February 26th meeting. The council supported the recommendation to award the maintenance contract to Solitude Lake Management and also perform a Quantitative Analysis of the sediment in the pond to determine the amount of sediment in the pond and whether its' composition is organic or non-organic. New NJ law requires this work to be permitted by the state, which will delay the project. The MEC also discussed next steps once quantitative analysis is complete including hydroraking, which will go out for public bid in accordance with policy mandate.

Representative from Solitude Lake Management is also looking at the riparian zone and invasive species at Burnham Pond and will present a report to MEC.



An environmental engineer from the Town's civil engineering consultant, Maser Consulting, is available to the MEC for discussions on hydroraking.

Councilwoman Deeb discussed the idea of interpretative signage at Foote's Pond to help educate the community about the Pond. Chair Denman provided the history of the MEC's interaction with Foote's Pond and explained the MEC's goal is to have a comprehensive maintenance plan of all of the town's waterbodies.

- MEC Spring Flyer
Committee to meet prior to April Meeting. Draft of flyer to be provided to MEC for vote at April meeting.

Ongoing Business:

- Board of Adjustment - No applications with environmental impacts at this time.
- Planning Board - No applications with environmental impacts at this time. Planning Board Liaison seat vacant on MEC.
- Town Council – Councilwoman Deeb provided letters / emails from Kristen Ace and Joann Casadevall
- MEC Bylaws - No update.
- Mayor's 3rd Annual Lakeside Cleanup at Speedwell and Pocahontas Lakes is scheduled for 5/18/19 at 8am

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

Next meeting April 2, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk