



**Morristown Environmental Commission**

**Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**March 3, 2020**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Conf. Room 201**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Denman, Umbriac, Grigas, Ginsberg, Starnes  
Council Liaison Cotton

- I. Approval of MEC minutes of February 4, 2020
- II. Open Public Session
- III. **New Business** – Chairperson Denman to introduce the new Council Liaison for 2020  
Tawanna Cotton

**Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:**

Chairwoman Denman presented the DRAFT **SINGLE USE PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION BAN** Ordinance approved at the February meeting was submitted to the Mayor and Business Administrator along with the supporting communication to keep the resident informed of the forthcoming ordinance. Additionally, we also provided them with a plethora of useful tools for the Morristown Business Community including metrics from one of the municipalities that previously instituted the ban (in 2016) as well as testimonials from the businesses community substantiating the favorable impact it has made on the businesses. The suggestion was for Jillian to present the resource when she meets with Jen Wehring and the group of Morristown Businesses active participants in the Morristown Partnership. The purpose of this ban is to reduce litter, protect the environment, and remove hard-to-recycle bags from our waste stream. The ordinance prohibits retailers from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags and non-recyclable paper bags to customers at the checkout counter of retail stores.

**VI. New Business**

Town wide Cleanup – April 25, 2020 – MEC to partner with Boy Scout Troop

**V. 2020 MEC Initiatives –**

RoundTable discussion to take place at March meeting to identify what initiatives the MEC would like to make in the 2020 calendar year.

## **2019 MEC Initiatives**

### **MEC Composter Initiative**

Offering Residents Composters at Reduced Fixed Rate

Including Composting Workshops

Composting Centralized location

MEC One-Park-Per-Year

Environmental Grants

Possible add-on of WiFi networks

Big Belly Trash Receptacles

Bottle Filling stations

### **Sub-Committee Updates -**

#### **Community Outreach Committee**

- Tokens for Farmer's Market