



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street, Room 200
March 6, 2018 – 7:35 PM
Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chairwoman
Priscilla Grigas
Nathan Umbriac
Gabriella Tango, 1st Alternate
Don Ginsberg, 2nd Alternate
Alison Deeb, Council Liaison

Excused: Justin Davis
Steve Pylypchuk
Marc Baumann

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairwomen Denman

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes February 6, 2018. Motion made and approved.

Open Public Session: No Public in attendance.

Chairwomen Denman debriefed the Commission on the following issues:

- The MEC's **2nd Annual Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup** confirmed for May 19th 9 AM – 2:00PM at Pocahontas and Speedwell Lakes.. The subcommittee will meet to discuss plans in March.
- ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,500 to the Town of Morristown on behalf of MEC for Elliot Street Community Garden. Chair Denman has requested a status report from Council President Stefan Armington who is spearheading the project in the Spring of 2018.
- Chairwomen Denman introduced Town Engineer Anthony DeVizio who reported that he had received the NVS Hydrology Study on Foote's Pond and will analyze the conclusions and report to the Council the three options which were identified and his recommendations.
- The Kleitman Woods Project is anticipated to be completed on or before May 1, 2018 weather permitting.
- Chairwoman Denman asked for MEC members to volunteer again at the Annual Morristown Clean-Up, April 21st 2018 in honor of Earth Day.

Committee Reports:

- Board of Adjustment – applications were provided to the MEC members for review with no concerns cited at this time.

- Planning Board – no updates
- Town Council – Councilwoman Deeb asked the Chairwoman for clarification on her role as Council Liaison.
- MEC Bylaws – To be reviewed

MEC 2018 Initiatives for 2018:

- MEC will provide the town with an end of year flyer regarding its accomplishments, a subcommittee will be appointed for this project. Chairwoman Denman asked for Volunteers for Subcommittee
- Environmental Pet Safe Rock Salt Initiative, residents will order by weight at a centralized location. Jillian Barrick will speak with Town Attorney and provide MEC feedback.
- Composter Initiative: Offering residents composters at a reduced fixed rate. Hold composting workshops. Possible centralized composting location for residents. Chairwomen Denman to provide details from Town of Cranford and report to Jillian Barrick.
- Grants Subcommittee

Other initiative discussions included:

- Focus on one park per year for clean-up
- Environmental Grants for Big Belly receptacles which would include add-ons such as Wi-Fi, and bottle filling stations. Commissioner Ginsberg volunteered to assist with the Grant search and writing.
- Commissioner Pylypchuk to provide draft example of comment letter to Planning Board and Board of Adjustment for MEC review and consideration at next meeting since he was excused from this meeting.

UpComing Events:

MEC has requested they be assigned the parcel of James St including Foote's Pond at the Town Cleanup on April 21st to support our sustainable friends & neighbors "The Friends of Foote's Pond" and are looking into collaborating the Spring planting of the MEC donated Dogwood sapling at Foote's woods during the Clean Up.

Annual Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup subcommittee meeting will take place this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla L. Grigas