



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2017

7:30pm Meeting, Room 200

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair

Priscilla Grigas

Nathan Umbriac

Marc Baumann, 1st Alternate

Commissioners Excused:

Justin Davis

Justin Protasiewicz

Jennifer Markas, 2nd Alternate

Toshiba Foster (Town Council Liaison)

Guests:

None.

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

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation.

3. Open Public Session: No members of public present.

4. New Business:

a. Footes Pond:

Chair Denman reported that the Town has submitted the application for the grant through the PSEG Foundation to offset the cost of additional studies of Footes Pond. She also reported the town has put out and RFP for this work today. She reiterated that the MEC is committed to the well-being of the pond.

b. NJ Highlands Resolution

Chair Denman briefed the MEC regarding a possible resolution in support of clean water supplies as part of the NJ Highlands Coalition efforts.

c. MEC Website

Due to various issues, the MEC website will remain under construction for the foreseeable future.

d. Mayor's Lakes Spring Cleanup

Chair Denman briefed the MEC about an event still in early planning stages to cleanup Pocahontas and Speedwell Lakes on May 20. Various businesses in town have committed preliminary sponsorships as well as other community groups have assisted in the planning of the event.



Commissioner Umbriac updated the commission on Sustainable Morristown's progress in pursuing Bronze Certification with Sustainable Jersey. Sustainable Morristown is also leading efforts for Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification and will be provide an update to the MEC at a later meeting.

- e. Finance
No update.

5. Ongoing Business:

- a. Board of Adjustment:
The commission reviewed the application for Wild Bones Brewing Company and noted no environmental concerns at this time.
- b. Planning Board:
No update. MEC is still without a Planning Board Liaison.
- c. MEC Bylaws
No update.
- d. Kleitman Property
No update.
- e. Sustainable Morristown (SusMo):
Commissioner Umbriac has reached out to SusMo but has no update at this time.
- f. Community Outreach:
Chair Denman briefed the MEC with new ideas from the Community Outreach Committee. Ideas included:
 - Table at Farmer's Market
 - Green Business Directory
 - Recycling
 - Possible pilot program with Morris School District at Lafayette Learning Center.
 - Partnerships with other community groups
- g. Branding Committee:
Commissioner Baumann presented three new logo designs by Commissioner Markas. The commission provided feedback on the rough sketches and the committee will provide an update at a future meeting.
- h. Grant Committee:
Grant committee continues its research efforts to find applicable grants for the MEC to review.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next meeting April 4, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair