



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2016

7:30pm Meeting, Room 201

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Justin Protasiewicz

Richard Isleib, Treasurer

Justin Davis

Nathan Umbriac

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair

Priscilla Grigas, 1st Alternate

Michelle Dupree-Harris (Town Council Liaison)

Commissioners Excused:

Marc Baumann, 2nd Alternate

Guests:

Mayor Tim Dougherty

Anthony DeVizio, Acting Director of Public Works/ Principal Engineer, Morristown

Christine Miller (Morristown Resident)

7:36 pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

1. Moment of Silence

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation.

4. Open Public Session: Christine Miller of 15 Maxwell Ct., Morristown. Ms. Miller chose to not address the Commission and remained to observe.

5. New Business: Chair Denman thanked those Commissioners and their families who participated in the Morristown Town Cleanup in April.

- Chair Denman informed the MEC Robert Parker has resigned from the Environmental Commission - and thanked him for his service to the town noting that Mr. Parker will stay involved on a volunteer basis with the Kleitman Property project. As he was responsible for spearheading and ultimately saving the parcel of land.

- The Mayor has appointed 2 new commissioners to the MEC: Justin Protasiewicz and Marc Baumann

6. Committee Reports:

Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator: *Foote's Pond.*

Chair Denman explained that Mayor Dougherty has charged the Environmental Commission to review and analyze the data pertaining to *Foote's Pond*. To facilitate this process, two new committees have been formed to initiate the review:

Professional Review Committee

Justin Protasiewicz

Richard Isleib

Marc Baumann

Project Management Committee

Maureen Denman

Nathan Umbriac

Steve Pylypchuk

Mayor Dougherty has not assigned a time commitment for this project at this time. Prior to the next MEC regular meeting, the Professional Review Committee will convene to discuss the next steps and provide an update to the commission. The MEC will provide a monthly report to the Town Council beginning in June 21

Mr. DeVizio briefed the commission regarding his office's experience with Foote's Pond. He also provided the Commission a Drainage Map of Town, which shows which parts of the storm drain system discharge to Foote's Pond, as well as a detail of the dam at Foote's Pond. Mr. DeVizio stated that the last known flood event at the pond was during Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and it was minor noting the pond does not provide a resource for flood attenuation but can be considered an environmental resource for recreation and open space.

Commissioner Pylypchuk provided a brief overview on the Princeton Hydro Report done in 2010 on Foote's Pond. He stated that the report is only a Sediment Testing Report and as such, provides no recommendation regarding dredging but only a potential cost range for such an operation.

Commissioner Protasiewicz provided a brief summary and overview interpretation of the Princeton Hydro Report. As an environmental engineer, he was able to provide the commission with an overall summarization and concurred with Commissioner Pylypchuk's assessment identifying potential environmental concerns that would require investigation relative to the sediment results stating the report with little more than an analysis of Sediment & Water Testing. Ms. Dupree-Harris provided a brief history of the Princeton Hydro Report from the Council's perspective. Discussions continued regarding the Princeton Hydro report and its use as a resource to the Commission going forward

7. Ongoing Business:

Board of Adjustment:

Several applications are currently in front of the Board and Chairman Denman made the applications available to the MEC for review.

ANJEC Environmental Commissioner Certification:

Four new members recently completed ANJEC certification, making the total number of certified commissioners six.

8. 2016 Initiatives:

MEC Website: Website is currently under a trial period with the provider, Squarespace. Commissioner Pylypchuk will be reaching out to the other members of the website committee in the coming weeks and requested the other members send him any photos of the Town's environmental resources they would like to share for the website. Chair Denman will provide a town logo file for use on the website.

Grant Committee: The Committee has researched multiple grant options. Once other initiatives are fleshed out, the committee will be able to target specific grants.

Composter / Rain Barrel Initiative: Commissioner Umbriac reached out to Sustainable Morristown, which provides a composting workshop on June 14. He is also in the process in researching potential suppliers for composters and provided preliminary information.

Kleitman Property: The next Step grading of the property is scheduled on the calendar for Spring 2017 (as per the Town Engineer –Anthony DeVizio. Bob Parker will remain on as a volunteer to help the initiative. Chair Denman will schedule a meeting with Mr. DeVizio, Morristown Engineer and Commissioner Pylypchuk to discuss the remaining engineering issues with the property in the 4th Quarter of 2016.

Open Space: No report.

Meeting Adjourned 8:49pm

Next meeting June 7, 2016 at 7:30pm, Room 201

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair