



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 2, 2017

7:30pm Meeting, Morristown Senior Center

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair

Priscilla Grigas

Nathan Umbriac

Justin Davis (via phone)

Justin Protasiewicz

Marc Baumann, 1st Alternate

Commissioners Excused:

Jennifer Markas, 2nd Alternate

Councilwoman Toshiba Foster (Council Liaison)

7:34pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2017 regular meeting.

Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation.

Open Public Session: No members of public present.

New Business:

1. Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator
 - a. MEC Logo: Motion was made and properly seconded to approve the new MEC Logo by Morristown's PR Firm. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation.
 - b. Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup: Chair Denman thanked the Commission for their efforts during this event
 - c. ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant for Elliot Street Community Garden: Chair Denman informed the Commission that award of the grant has been delayed due to the number of applications.
 - d. Sustainable Jersey / PSEG Grant for Foote's Pond: Chair Denman informed the Commission that Morristown was not awarded the PSEG Grant for additional studies at Foote's Pond. The town has budgeted for this work regardless.
 - e. Chair Denman and Mayor Dougherty attended a Friends of Foote's Pond Meeting on April 10. Mayor Dougherty informed the organization that the town has earmarked \$50,000 in this year's budget for the hydrology study at Foote's Pond.
 - f. Chair Denman informed the Commission that four proposals were received for the Foote's Pond Hydrology Study. Chair Denman, & Commissioners Protasiewicz and Baumann reviewed the proposals and feedback was submitted to Town Engineer Anthony DeVizio. Mr. DeVizio to make recommendation for resolution before the Town Council on May 9, 2017. Commissioner Pylypchuk recused himself from all discussions regarding these proposals due to a conflict of interest.
 - g. Kleitman Property: Construction underway with completion expected June/July
2. Highlands Resolution
 - a. Chair Denman informed the Commission that The Highlands Resolution in Support of Clean Water Supplies was passed by the Town Council at the April 25, 2017 meeting.
3. Sustainable Morristown Update
 - a. Sustainable Jersey Certification
 - i. Chair Denman briefed the Commission on the application efforts. MEC's involvement in the application is complete. Outstanding items require Town Council input and approval. These items are to be on the Council agenda as soon as possible. Part 1 of the application is due June 15.



- b. Festival Earth
 - i. MEC to have a presence at Festival Earth on May 6. Commissioners Grigas & Denman will represent the MEC at the festival & sell tote bags
- 4. Finances
 - a. Chair Denman notified the Commission that they have received a budget of \$4000 for 2017

Ongoing Business:

- 1. Board of Adjustment:
 - a. No applications at this time.
- 2. Planning Board:
 - a. No applications at this time. MEC is still without a Planning Board Liaison.
- 3. Town Council
 - a. No update. Councilwoman Foster excused from meeting.
- 4. MEC Bylaws
 - a. No update.

2017 MEC Initiatives

- 1. Recycling
 - a. Chair Denman will schedule walk with DPW Director Rich Fernicola regarding the Bigbelly Smart Waste Model.

Sub-Committee Updates

- 1. Community Outreach Committee
 - a. Mayor's Lake Cleanup
 - i. Cleanup is scheduled for May 20. Chair Denman provided an update on the planning of the event.
 - b. MEC Flora/Fauna Planting Collaboration at Foote's Pond.
 - i. A "Walk-Through" was held on April 27th with John Peel, the Environmental Engineer who performed the T&E assessment for the MEC on Foote's Pond. He voluntarily offered his expertise with the Community Outreach Subcommittee and Friends of Foote's Pond to identify areas of Foote's Woods best suitable for a "Collaborative Planting" with the MEC & FOFP in June of this year. Date to be scheduled.
 - c. Composting Initiatives
 - i. Committee is working with the Morristown Partnership to setup a program for local farmers to accept compost in exchange for produce.
 - d. Recycling Initiative at Morris School District Schools
 - i. Committee has spoken with the Principal of Lafayette Learning Center and they are interested in the MEC initiative. Communication remains ongoing.

Meeting Adjourned 8:37 pm

Next meeting June 6, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pylypchuk, Secretary, Vice Chair