



## **Morristown Environmental Commission**

**Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**Minutes of the October 1, 2019 MEC Meeting**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Conf. Room 201**

Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Umbriac, Grigas, Pylypchuk, Ginsberg and Council Liaison Deeb

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the October, 2019 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation

### **New Business:**

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

- NJ Transit – Patriots Path
  - Chair Denman again followed up with Justin Davis from NJ Transit, as she doesn't want this possible grant to fall by the wayside
- Foote's Pond
  - Chair Denman confirmed that hydroraking is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019.
    - Process will take between 10 and 20 days, depending on the weather and conditions.
- Dumping at Speedwell/Pocahontas
- J. Barrick approved the purchase of trail cams to be erected along the easement between NJ TRANSIT and Patriot's Path.
- Commissioners Pylypchuk and Umbriac volunteered to check the trail cams and turn over to MPD if any dumping is documented
- **Fall Festival**
  - Winner of the Starburst count was contacted and Commissioner Umbriac delivered the candy
  - The winner of the bag was contacted, and Commissioner Umbriac delivered the bag
- **Single-bag plastic bag use**
  - The commissioners discussed whether they would like to move forward with A: Elimination; B: Reduction; C: Recycling
    - Preliminary discussion concerned reduction, but how could a reduction be quantified?
    - Recycling was removed from the discussion, as our recycling facilities do not have a current means to recycle it
    - Possibly provide tote bags?
    - Reduction/ban to further include Styrofoam, straws, cutlery, etc.?
    - **The MEC agreed on Reduction with a goal of 5 years for elimination**
  - A sub-committee was formed by the Chairwoman: Commissioners Pylypchuk, Ginsberg and Umbriac volunteered to investigate/discuss options and bring 3 options before the MEC at the December Meeting
  - Chair Denman provided additional resources to reach out to/consult with about a single-use plastic bag ban: ANJEC, Councilman Armington, Teaneck Girl Scouts, Hoboken, Asbury Park, Bradley Beach and Jersey City's Environmental Commissions

- **Morristown Partnership proposal at the farmer's market**

- Tokens could be purchased at the farmer's market by the consumers and could be used so the Vendor's don't have to make change
- The Vendor's turn their tokens back into the Partnership who can write them a check

**Public Comment:** Oliver Starnes, lives at 35 Pine Street in Morristown. He is running for Town Council in the First Ward and has experience as a grant writer. Enjoyed our discussion and noted that there are many grants available for environmental causes.

**Ongoing Business**

- Board of Adjustment - No application for MEC review before the BOA
- Planning Board – No updates

**Meeting Adjourned 8:54 pm**

Next meeting November 5, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Umbriac

**Revised 12/12/2019 MDenman**