



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street, Room 200
Morristown, N.J. 07960
October 6, 2020
7:30 p.m.
Virtual Via Zoom

Roll Call: Commissioners Maureen Denman, Nathan Umbriac, Priscilla Grigas, Don Ginsberg, Oliver Starnes, Aaron Oliver
Council Liaison Tawanna Cotton

- I. Approval of MEC minutes of March 3, 2020 meeting
 - II. Approval of MEC minutes of August 4, 2020 virtual meeting
 - III. The September 1, 2020 MEC meeting was cancelled due to the inability to conduct virtual meeting via Zoom because J. Barrick was unable to dial in and initiate as Host.
 - IV. Open Public Session
- III. **New Business:** Foote's Update
Burnham Park Update

Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

Chairwoman Denman has requested a presentation from the Director of Morristown Engineering Department providing an overview of the hydroraking process and timeline associated with the endeavor.

I had hoped the commission would be able to do a field trip to Foote's Pond prior to tonight's MEC board meeting however I received notification from Jillian Barrick informing us the site visit must be scheduled for another date after the contractor doing the hydroraking has been fully mobilized. The contractor is moving in the equipment necessary to begin the work today & tomorrow. I will be arranging an alternate date for the MEC's site visit with the business administrator's office once the work is underway.

A Public On-Site Hydroraking Information Session was held last Monday September 28th at 6pm at Foote's Pond wood. The Project Engineer from Masur, Andy Hipolit provided an overview of the project followed by a Q&A session for the public.
(Attachment of Public Notice below)



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hydroraking resident |

Burnham Park Master Plan Project Kick Off

A Public On-Site Information Session on the Burnham Park Master Plan will be held tomorrow October 7, 2020 at 4:30 at Burnham Park Pavilion. Commissioners and Residents are invited to join Town Officials for the kick off to the Master Plan Project followed by a Q&A session for the public. (See attached notice)



Burnham Park
Master Plan.pdf

SINGLE USE PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION BAN Ordinance approved at the February meeting was submitted to the Mayor and Business Administrator along with the supporting communication to keep the resident informed of the forthcoming ordinance. Additionally, we also provided them with a plethora of useful tools for the Morristown Business Community including metrics from one of the municipalities that previously instituted the ban (in 2016) as well as testimonials from the business' community substantiating the favorable impact it has made on the businesses. The purpose of this ban is to reduce litter, protect the environment, and remove hard-to-recycle bags from our waste stream. The ordinance prohibits retailers from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags and non-recyclable paper bags to customers at the checkout counter of retail stores.

Jillian Barrick was going to present the idea when she meets with Jen Wehring and the group of Morristown Businesses active participants in the Morristown Partnership. This was tabled due to COVID. Chair Denman to follow up with an update as soon as possible.

VI. New Business

- Newsletter
- Foote's Feature Brainstorming

V. 2020 MEC Initiatives -

RoundTable discussion to take place at March meeting to identify what initiatives the MEC would like to make in the 2020/2021 calendar year.

2019/2020 MEC Initiatives

MEC Composter Initiative Offering Residents Composters at Reduced Fixed Rate

- Including Composting Workshops
- Composting Centralized location

MEC One-Park-Per-Year

Environmental Grants

Possible add-on of WiFi networks

Big Belly Trash Receptacles * Bottle Filling stations

2020/2021 MEC Initiatives

Chair Denman requested Commissioners bring their ideas for discussion this evening.

Sub-Committee Updates -

Community Outreach Committee

- Tokens for Farmer's Market