



## **Morristown Environmental Commission**

### **Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**Sept. 4, 2018 - Minutes**

**7:30 p.m.**

- I. Roll Call: Commissioners Denman, Baumann, Umbriac, Grigas, Pylypchuk, and Council Liaison Deeb

Commissioners Ginsberg and Davis excused

- II. Approval of Minutes for August 7, 2018 – Approved  
a. Approval of July minutes to occur at October meeting

III. Open Public Session – No public present

IV. **New Business** – Chairperson Denman to report

- Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:

Chair Denman to debrief the commission on the following:

1. The MEC to discuss the Fall Mayor's Lakeside Cleanup at Pocahontas & Speedwell Lakes pursuant to the May 19<sup>th</sup> cleanup. The idea came after low volunteer turnout due to inclement weather at the May 19<sup>th</sup> cleanup. The MEC to devise a proposed date and plan of action to increase the volunteer turnout for the Fall cleanup.
  - i. No date yet, working with Mayors Office
2. The \$1,500 Grant the MEC received for the ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant for the Elliot Street Community Garden has been reconciled. A ribbon cutting was held to introduce the garden on August 10.
  - i. Grant has been reconciled; PO has been submitted – will be taken off agenda
3. Governor Murphy vetoed the single-use bag legislation. ANJEC has asked all Environmental Commissions to request the ratification of the Resolution for their perspective municipalities.
  - i. Moot point since Governor's office has vetoed bill.
4. The Morristown Fall Festival scheduled for September 30, 2018 – MEC to discuss ideas for booth at festival
  - i. Pet friendly ice melt display. Maureen to check with Town attorney. Just for informational purposes. Town newsletter/MEC newsletter will have form to request product.
5. NV5 has begun the Hydrology/Hydraulics study on Foote's Pond. The study report was submitted to Town Engineer Anthony DiVizio who was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will debrief the MEC at the December meeting..

- i. No update
- 6. The Kleitman Woods Project ribbon cutting to be scheduled for October The MEC will be donating the Kleitman Woods at Hillcrest sign on the boulder.
  - i. Ribbon cutting for entire project – MEC has plaque in hand
- 7. Chairwoman Denman to update the MEC on the “clean-up” of Burnham Park. Burnham Park was selected in January of 2018 as one of the MEC’s goals to “Adopt a Park” each year.
  - i. Money has been allocated in Town budget to clean-up Burnham Park

V. **Ongoing Business - Committee Reports**

- Board of Adjustment: Chair Denman will provide the MEC with the applications before the BOA – No update
- Planning Board – No update
- Town Council – No update
- MEC Bylaws – No update

VI. **2018 MEC Initiatives –**

The following Initiatives identified at the January 2018 meeting:

- **MEC End of Year Flyer**
  - MEC Quarterly Flyer
- **Environmental Pet Safe Rock Salt Initiative**
  - Offering Residents P.F. Rock Salt (pickup centralized location)
  - Reduced Cost purchasing in bulk
  - Residents pre-order by weight
- *J. Barrick to speak with Town Attorney & provide feedback*
- **MEC Composter Initiative**
  - Offering Residents Composters at Reduced Fixed Rate
  - Including Composting Workshops
  - Composting Centralized location
- *Chair Denman to provide details from Town of Cranford on how initiative done and then report back to J. Barrick*
- MEC One-Park-Per-Year
- Environmental Grants 
  - Possible add-on of WiFi networks
  - Big Belly Trash Receptacles
  - Bottle Filling stations

8. **Sub-Committee Updates – Upcoming Events**

**Community Outreach Committee**

Susan Landau has asked if the “Friend of Foote’s Pond” can provide information at our booth at the Fall Festival. – unanimously approved by Commission

Saturday 9/8, Sierra Club is hosting an event for environmental awareness from 11am-1:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc W. Baumann, Secretary