



Morristown Environmental Commission
Morristown Town Hall
200 South Street, Room 200
Morristown, N.J. 07960
September 3, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Conf. Room 201

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

- I. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2019
- II. Open Public Session
- III. **New Business** – Chairperson Denman to report
Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:
 1. A letter was sent to NJ Transit on behalf of the MEC pursuant to the presentation the board received from Councilman Stefan Armington last month on the Greater Morristown Greenway along Patriots Path Speedwell to Martin Luther King to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety along the .09 parcel of Patriot's Path within the Town of Morristown.
The MEC requested guidance from NJ TRANSIT on the grant funded project stalemate in order to proceed with the steps toward the construction of the project.
 2. The project requires an easement from NJ Transit to traverse their property, adjacent to the Morris & Essex line tracks. Currently, a property survey is needed to establish the easement language for the project to move forward. Justin Davis, Chief of Staff to provide direction contact at NJ TRANSIT
 3. Following the receipt of the Bathymetric report from Solitude Lake Management, J. Barrick, A. DeVizio & Chair Denman met at Foote's to access the feasibility of hydroraking. Based on the quantitative analysis of the sediment in the pond, Foote's can be hydro-raked and it does not require a permit. The Town is awaiting the BID specifications from Masur and is expected to deliver the final proposal for hydroraking no later than mid-September which will then go out for public bid.
 4. The Town Engineers will be taking the next steps to initiate the treatment of the water chestnuts on Speedwell Lake.
 5. An assessment of the riparian zone and invasive species at Burnham Pond was performed last week and will be forthcoming at the next MEC meeting.

6. MEC Newsletter moved to Fall. MEC Newsletter Committee to provide DRAFT at September or October 2019 MEC meeting.

Town Clean Up – April 27 – Thank you to all MEC Volunteers who participated in the annual clean-up at Foote’s Pond and the MEC’s annual partnering with “Friend of Foote’s Pond” Spring Tree Planting at Foote’s Pond.

7. Mayor’s 3rd Annual Lakeside Cleanup debrief
 - Pro’s vs Cons of doing in June vs May
 - Should we move to the Fall?

IV. **Ongoing Business - Committee Reports**

- Board of Adjustment: BOA member Pylypchuk to advise the MEC on any new applications before the BOA
- Planning Board – No updates
- Town Council – Councilwoman Allison Deeb to provide update
- MEC Bylaws - Maureen to work with Town Attorney Pawar

VI. **2019 MEC Initiatives –**

- **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
- **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

Sub-Committee Updates – Upcoming Events

Community Outreach Committee

MEC’s annual partnering with “Friend of Foote’s Pond” Spring Tree Planting at Foote’s Pond.