

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes January 7, 2014

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on January 7, 2014 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Bob Stratton, Ollie Frazier, John Lynch and Scott Baranowski. Also present were David Holt and Jack Killiebrew from Republic Services, along with Ralph Messera and Rosalind Wooten from Public Works.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The November minutes were reviewed and approved.

The first order of business was to hold elections for the officers of the committee for the coming year. Mr. Miller was elected Chairman, Mr. Frazier was elected Vice Chairman and Rosalind Wooten was elected Secretary, for 2014.

Mr. Killiebrew gave the Republic Services report stating that there were few problems in December, and they had been resolved. It was discussed how the City of Charlotte had sent out a message stating that Charlotte Mecklenburg trash services had been changed this week due to the cold weather. It was suggested that Matthews put out some communication that we are picking up on schedule. Ms. Wooten will contact the Communications Director Annette Privette Keller to get this added to our website. Mr. Killiebrew also reported that the way the Holidays were handled this year by Republic Services had worked very well. This year they did not pick up on Christmas or New Year's Day but operated on a day delay. Residents had their trash out on the appropriate days and there were a lot less phone calls and problems than in past years.

Mr. Holt reported that a new company WasteRec has taken over the maintenance of the carts. The company will re-use everything that they can. They plan to fix any carts that can be repaired and any carts that they cannot fix will be sent to a company in Charlotte for shredding. It was suggested that this information be communicated to Matthews's residents also. Ms. Wooten will contact Ms. Privette Keller about posting this information to our website also.

Mr. Lynch discussed that sometimes the Yard Waste trucks have a lot of rest time due to the seasonal nature of yard waste. He wanted to know if there was a possibility of cutting back the yard waste pick up to two trucks every other week instead of weekly during the slower months. This was discussed and determined that it is something to look at and consider. Mr. Holt will take a look at this and see if there would be a cost savings to the Town in doing this and will get back with the Committee.

On Storm Water issues, there were no new issues. Mr. Messera mentioned that the final flood maps from FEMA were going to the board for approval at their next meeting.

Air Quality Issues were then discussed. Mr. Ross reported by email that all permit holders were in compliance. Mr. Ross also asked by email about the Costco zoning. Mr. Messera indicated he would look in to it. Regarding the Quicktrip rezoning, Mr. Messera stated that he had not received the requested benzene study yet. He will check with QuickTrip pertaining to this study before the public hearing on Monday.

On other Air issues. Mr. Miller talked about the 5 year cycle of air quality standards that will be coming up for review soon and how there will be some changes that will affect air quality compliance.

Regarding Physical Agents, the Board has reviewed the Noise Ordinance with the Chief of Police. The Board needs to come to some consensus on how the Police will enforce the ordinance once it is approved, and so it is waiting to be put back on the Board agenda for further clarification.

On other business, Chairman Miller mentioned to the Committee to be thinking on any items that might need to be included in this year's budget. New signs had been proposed, but he would like members to think about anything else that might be a need. Being that there was no other business, a motion was then made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4th, 2014.

Rosalind Wooten
Secretary