

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes November 3, 2015

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on November 3, 2015 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Scott Baranowski, Ollie Frazier and John Lynch. Also present were Jack Killiebrew from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming from Public Works. In addition, Connor Boyce, a senior from Providence High School was in attendance with his father and sister.

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

Connor Boyce then presented part of his High School Senior exit project on Hydraulic Fracturing. There was some discussion and questions asked.

Mr. Killiebrew gave the Republic Services report stating that there were no major issues. He also stated that yard waste has increased and the Monday route was not completed on time due to the volume. They also had a few issues with truck breakdowns this past week. Apart from that, he stated that all was running well.

Disposal information spreadsheets were then reviewed and the Republic Services complaints spreadsheet was discussed. It was noticed that there was an error in calculating the Annual Garbage tons per household per month.

Under storm water issues, Mr. Miller discussed the notice of violation and penalty that had been issued for 10416 E. Independence Boulevard. He stated that he had talked with the Town attorney, Mr. Charles Buckley, and a threatening letter was sent to the former property owner who is in Florida.

Under other storm water issues, it was discussed that the construction at Plantation Estates is still causing environmental problems. Several photos were provided showing silt and oil getting into the streams. The current regulations state that if fencing is put up and mud still comes through, it is still considered in compliance. It also states that if a storm is considered exceptional (over 1 inch of rain) then such problems are not considered to be a breach. The Committee feels the ordinance is not particularly strong and it was mentioned as a possibility of changing the TOM ordinance to provide better protection in the future. It was also discussed that the NC State who puts a lot of these rules in place, does not currently have an inspector.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross, who was absent but reported via email, stated that all regulated facilities in the Matthews area were in compliance, and there were no violations of air quality in the past month in Matthews

Regarding Physical Agents, there were no physical agent issues.

Under other business, a revised draft of the RFP, request for proposal, for solid waste was reviewed again. This draft will be sent out one more time to the Town Manager, Mayor Taylor, the Town Attorney and the Public Works Director. A motion was made to accept the RFP as it currently stands, which was seconded and passed. After a final review, it will be sent out to the four companies that sent in a SOQ and will be available to anyone else that wants to pick one up. The plan is to collect any questions that come in prior to Jan 8th and bring the proposals to the January meeting. A proposal summary will be prepared with all costs on one page. It was discussed that there would probably be two meetings held in January 2016 and potentially two in February also.

With other business completed, a motion was made at 8:35 pm to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1st, 2015.

Rosalind Cumming
Secretary