

## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes January 6, 2015**

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on January 6, 2015 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Ollie Frazier, David Ross, John Lynch, Bob Stratton and Scott Baranowski. Also present were David Holt from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming and Ralph Messera from Public Works.

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

The first order of business was to elect new offices for 2015. Mr. Miller was nominated as Chairman, and this was seconded and passed. Mr. Baranowski was nominated for Vice Chairman, this was seconded and passed. Ms. Cumming was nominated for Secretary, this was seconded and passed.

Mr. Holt gave the Republic Services report stating that there has been heavy yard waste and Christmas trees, but they are keeping pick up on track. As far as container delivery, the backlog appears to have caught up. Mr. Holt stated that he has also gone ahead and ordered some more carts, so hopefully we will not run into the problem of being without carts again.

Mr. Messera discussed the issue of mattresses needing to be picked up that have bed bugs. Republic Services has a policy that they cannot pick up such an item unless it is completely covered in plastic. Two times in the last 6 months, the Public Works employees have had to pick up an infested mattress. They used a back hoe with a bucket and a dump truck. The committee discussed the need to add a service charge for picking up infested mattresses. A resident with an infested mattress would need to, either wrap it in plastic, by using plastic wrap or purchasing a plastic cover from a store such as Wal-Mart, or will be charged a service fee. The committee decided we need to review the cost to Public Works to move the mattress, and also investigate the availability of bags and their cost. The item will be added to our agenda again for next month.

On Storm Water issues, a notice of violation has been sent to Carrington Place on Fullwood Lane for \$4000. They have not responded to the notice yet.

On Other Storm Water issues it was discussed that new developments are generally passing over their maintenance of rain gardens, storm creeks etc. from the Home Owners Association's to the Town after about two years as HOA's don't have the knowledge for this kind of maintenance. A pool of money needs to be developed to keep up with the new storm water systems that we are

assuming responsibility for. It was also discussed that we may need to start looking at increased fees for all Storm water maintenance.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross reported that there were no violations in the past month in Matthews and that all permit holders in Matthews are in compliance. He did mention that all will need to renew their annual permits. Mr. Gordon discussed ozone levels again, stating that the revised levels are still being reviewed.

Regarding Physical Agents, there were none.

Under other business, Mr. Miller discussed the upcoming joint meeting of the Board and Town Committees, which is being held at Town Hall next Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed a power point he would like to present and talked about what this committee covers and what's currently going on. He mentioned that the Republic Services contract will renew in June of 2016, and we will need to generate a RFP (request for proposal). Mr. Miller then polled the group for years of experience and levels of experience, which he intends to present at the meeting on Tuesday.

Being that there was no other business, a motion was made at 7:55 pm to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed. The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 3, 2015.

Rosalind Cumming  
Secretary