

February 2019 Minutes

Matthews Environmental Advisory Committee

Attendees

Attendee	Organization	Feb
Gordon Miller	EAB Board	Present
Ollie Frazier	EAB Board	Present
Andrew Stienecker	EAB Board	Present
David Ross	EAB Board	Present
Scott Baranowski	EAB Board	Regrets
David Teixeira	EAB Board	Regrets
Ros Cumming	Staff	Present
Hazen Blodgett	Staff	Present
CJ O'Neill	Staff	Present
Jose Davilia	Republic	Present

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2019.
3. Presentation, plastic bags in the community
4. Action Items list
5. Solid Waste Issues
 - a. Republic Report
 - b. Garbage/Landfill lids
 - c. Other Issues
6. Storm Water Issues
7. Air Quality Issues
8. Physical Agents
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

The meeting (2/12/2019) was called to order and the minutes from January 8, 2019 with one correction, were approved. Also in attendance for the meeting was Hazen Blodgett, the Town Manager; Mark Tofano, Town Resident; Dupok Sheree, Visitor; and Annie Stienecker, 5th grade student from ELE. A presentation was then made by Annie Stienecker about plastic bags in the community. She discussed how all the plastic bags we use are impacting the planet and made some suggestions of how to decrease them in the Environment. Mr. Blodgett suggested she & Andrew Stienecker attend a Board Meeting to present this information.

Action Items were discussed. During the discussion Mr. Blodgett suggested that action items 1 & 3, would be discussed by Mr. Blodgett and Staff at the upcoming meeting with Republic in February. Regarding trash container lids getting new wording 'Garbage/Landfill', everyone was in agreement that it is to happen with the next production of trash cans, and the Town of Matthews approved the \$250 cost for that change. When the Sanitation reports were reviewed, Mr. Stienecker reminded everyone that the percent of diversion to recycling, is not everything; we need to ensure that we are recycling correctly. He mentioned that last month was the first time the cost of recycling exceeded the actual revenue produced. Mr. Davilia, our representative from Republic Services, informed us that Bink Jemmott was no longer with Republic Services. Mr. Davilia has been working in Matthews and he has been spending his time riding with the drivers. He informed us that the biggest issues are: routing, not having addresses in the system, not having balanced routes, and no expectations on how drivers are running the routes. He said they should get some new trucks in during the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year. Mr. Davilia will be working with the drivers and is committed to getting things right. Under other issues under Solid Waste, it was mentioned to Mr. Davilia that under the Solid Waste Ordinance we don't pick up bulk items & appliances for small business, just residents.

Under Storm water issues Mr. O'Neill mentioned that the State is making some changes which will affect the County ordinance. Rusty Rozelle will be invited to the next Board meeting to explain the impact.

On Air Quality issues, Mr. Ross reported The Martin Marietta (MLM) quarry was inspected with no violations noted. The Transcontinental (TCLAF) afterburner was stack tested at a temperature of 1504 F, which is much less than the operating temperature reported during the September and October reports. Compliance was demonstrated with the 97.5% destruction efficiency. The low temperature reports are not violations based on this test; however, they still could have been cited for violating the terms of the Permit.

There were no Physical agents to report, or other business and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday March 12, 2019.