

The April meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the Town of Matthews was called to order at 7 PM on 5 April 2016 by Chairman Gordon Miller. Also present at the meeting were:

Committee Members

Ollie Fraiser S. David Ross (Secretary)

Town Staff

Ros Cumming (PW Administrative Officer) CJ O'Neill (PW Director)

Republic Staff

Jack Killiebrew

Public Attendees

David Teixeira (Potential Committee Member) Robert Allen (Waste Pro)
Three students from Butler High School

Solid Waste Issues

Republic reported that there were no problems with waste collection this past month.

The Committee evaluated the solid waste collection bids received. The two bidders being evaluated were Republic Waste Services (“Republic”) and Waste Pro. Gordon Miller documented the cost savings of both the Republic and Waste Pro bids relative to the current Republic contract.

Based on Mr. Miller's documentation, over the five year period of the new solid waste contract, the Republic bid would save the Town over one million dollars, or one cent off the current tax rate. The Waste Pro bid also would save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars, but much less than the Republic bid.

The Committee's recommendation to the Town was that they accept the Republic bid. The vote was two for the Republic bid and one for the Waste Pro bid. The vote for Waste Pro was based on how their management represented the company as an environmental firm.

Water Quality Issues

During the Town's Board retreat, the Commissioners decided that they wanted to invite representatives from Mecklenburg County's Storm Water Services to address the public regarding sediment and erosion control. This specifically is due to the cloudiness (“turbidity”) of local streams due to the construction around Town. This construction is centered around the area bound by Matthews Township Parkway, Fullwood Lane, South Trade Street, and Weddington Road.

Air Quality Issues

There were no inspections performed in Town since the last meeting. The steel drum reconditioner had two coatings approved by the County, Ballabox submitted an application for a new flexographic printing press with a natural gas-fired drying oven, and Novant Health: Matthews Medical Center submitted directly to EPA a report about generators that was not required.