

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes

Tuesday April 28th, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

Borough Administration Center

Assembly Chambers

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair
Thomas Douglas
Gwen Holdmann
Kent Severns
Larry Duffy
Mike Pollen

APCC Commissioners Absent

Mark Sherman – Vice Chair

Others present

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Glenn Miller
Ron Lovell
Todd Thompson

6:30 pm Meeting Called To Order

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair, Kathleen Hook, and the Commission was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 28, 2015 approved unanimously with no corrections.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jimmy Fox, resident of the Borough, informed the APCC that FEDC has sponsored an Air Quality Task Force to develop a framework for an air quality control plan to present to the APCC to adopt and submit to the Borough. The group will be meeting weekly, and the hope is to have the framework done and to the APCC soon.
(questions from the APCC to Mr. Fox).

Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, talked about the importance of creating and having an air quality comprehensive plan.

John Davies, resident of the Borough, talked about the usefulness of having an air quality comprehensive plan, to back up the air quality code and the programs put in place.

NEW BUSINESS

Updates:

- Update on FNSB Air Quality Improvement Program
Ron Lovell, AQ Manager, gives update on the Air Quality Improvement Plan
- Update on Air Quality Division and program changes associated w/ordinance 2015-01.
Ron Lovell gives update on program changes that came about due to the recently adopted ordinance 2015-01.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Nickolas Skeiger, resident of the Borough, wants to know what the percent of people who receive air quality alerts actually respond that they won't burn. And, he works at Superior Pellets, and would like to see continued support from the Borough for vouchers for Superior Pellets.

Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, spoke about changes to program and how variances for hydronic heaters should be handled. Spoke about importance of education of health impacts of PM2.5. Spoke on other items of air quality program.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Duffy – Speaks to the pellet voucher program, wants to incentivize going to pellet stoves by continuing giving out pellet vouchers when people switch out old stove to pellet stove.

Commissioner Pollen – Relates how the CO I/M program was solved by newer cleaner vehicles, and how it will relate to the PM2.5 wood stove program, getting newer technology to clean up the air. Would like to see what the reduction in PM2.5 equals for the amount of money spend on the wood stove program.

Commissioner Holdmann – Appreciative of AQ staff and public showing up. Would like to see economic impact of being in non-attainment.

Commissioner Severns – It would be interesting to see how the price of oil going up affected wood burning usage. Would be cautious about using health statements statistics, about how many people are affected by bad air.

Commissioner Douglas – Everything has been covered, good to see everyone again.

Commissioner Hook – Lives in NP, and is a runner, and for the first time, after this last year, she has asthma issues, not sure if it is related to the bad air. Works in arena of stationary sources and coal, speaks to economic impacts of being in PM2.5 non-attainment .

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

With my signature, I certify the accuracy and completeness of the minutes above.

DATE: _____

Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission