
Wood Smoke Curtailment and Wood Devices Work Group – August 17, 2018

In Attendance:

Voting Members

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Work Group Discussion

Discussion of Registration:

- The topic of registration underlays many control measure on the table, therefore needs to be addressed
- Need to be upfront and transparent with wording and explanation in the deliverable from FNSB to the public
- Straw poll concluded a voluntary registration program would not work and some sort of legally mandated process would be required
- **Consensus of the group was adding a “home heating” portion to your property tax bill**
 - Tiered approach
 - 1st- Type of appliance
 - Includes all types of devices (need the entire inventory, not just wood)
 - Simple list, check one
 - Get tax exemption
 - 2nd- Mail in extra, detailed survey for some increased quantity exemption
 - Additional questions formulated by experts to create a database on home heating in the borough
 - Example “How old is your device?” “How much fuel do you use in a typical year?” etc.
 - This could be used in tandem with the MLS database
 - Over time and with increasing trust in the borough this could create a data set to be used for modeling and education
 - Until then, samples of responses can be used based on response rate