

**NEW JERSEY NOISE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008
MINUTES**

Attendees: I. Udasin, J. Surmay, A. Schmidt, N. Dotti, T. Pitcherello, R. Hauser, D. Pinto (DEP), D. Triggs (DEP), J. Townsend (DEP)

Absent: J. Lepis (vacation), J. Feder (away); Did not hear from J. Kapferer, J. Soporowski, M. Klewin, M. Lakat

AGENDA

- Council members are requested to mail or email a brief biography to Dave Triggs on their noise experience and/or background to post on the web (using a couple sentences from each bio excluding personal information) and to educate fellow Council members on their colleagues' expertise.
- Noise Control Council By Laws:
 - Council members' responsibilities for attendance/participation. The by-laws state that 3 consecutive missed meetings create a vacancy in the position.
 - Annual public meeting
 - Meeting minutes
- Status of current Council member terms and appointments; Future of Council membership.
- Noise Council goals for 2008
- ORV ordinance-Final comments are due. Will there be a public meeting? Next steps?
- Update Model Noise Ordinance. NJDEP is asking for updates and comments and will finalize the new ordinance this spring.

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- Council members are asked to send a brief biography to Dave Triggs, including their area of expertise, length of time serving on the council and any professional licenses/certifications
- A copy of the model noise ordinance was handed out for review and comment. Changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Attendance/Council Appointments/ Council Bylaw Requirements:

- Debbie Pinto explained that the Governor's office has asked three times in the past 2 years whether the Council should continue or be abolished, and whether the Council is active. This generated much discussion as follows:
- Five members are up for appointment/reappointment. Some members were recommended for reappointment to the Governor's Office over one ago.
- The Council Bylaws state that if a member misses three consecutive meetings the Council may consider the position vacant. Attendance kept by the Department indicates that one member attended two of eight meetings over an entire year. Even when absent, several members do not provide comments on documents (e.g. ORV Ordinance) via e-mail or regular mail.
- Council attendees recommend not reappointing members with poor attendance records. Some thought was given to creating an "Honorary Member" status.
- Council Bylaws require that minutes be taken at each meeting. It can be done by one assigned individual or on a rotating basis. The Bylaws state that the "Secretary" record the minutes. No formal designation of a Secretary was made after Ed DiPolvere resigned. The appointment/re-appointment of Chair and Vice Chair is also due and should be discussed at the next meeting when a quorum is present.
- The meeting minutes should be recorded and submitted to DEP for posting on the Council website. DEP offered to type/format the agenda and minutes if needed.

- The Bylaws also require an annual public hearing, which a stakeholder meeting would suffice. An annual report to the DEP Commissioner is also in the Bylaws but has not been done in at least ten years to anyone's knowledge.

Stakeholders ORV Meeting:

- Final revisions were made on the Model ORV Ordinance. All were in agreement that the draft is far enough along to schedule a stakeholders meeting which can be held in lieu of the monthly NCC meeting in May or June. The DEP will work with Eric Zwerling to reserve a room at Rutgers. Arnie Schmidt volunteered to resurrect a list of interested parties he has compiled and provided to Chairman Lepis in the past. Norm Dotti volunteered to draft an agenda for the meeting.

League of Municipalities:

- Interest was expressed in presenting at the 2008 League of Municipalities Annual Meeting in Atlantic City. DEP will look into getting Noise Control on the event agenda as a presentation.

NEXT MEETING: Tues April 8th, 9:30 a.m., Rutgers Labor Education Building

Agenda to include: ORV stakeholder meeting
Updated Model Noise Ordinance
Council Appointments/Bylaw requirements
League of Municipalities Update