

N.J. NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (NCC)
APRIL 12, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

NCC Voting Members: Steve Szulecki (Vice Chairman, Public Member, Ecologist), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor), Salvatore Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor), Joseph DiFillippo (Local Governing Body). Gina Fischetti (Department of Community Affairs), Mark Roskein (Public Member) and Jack Zybura (Public Member).

Rutgers and NJDEP Representatives: Michelle Feasel (NJDEP Co-Liaison to the Council).

Members of the Public: Philip Makrelis (Middlesex County), Christopher Bergacs (Mazza Recycling), Scott Hendricks (Blairstown).

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The NCC held interviews for two open membership positions, a Public Member and Public Member/Civil Engineer. The NCC intends to move current Public Member Jack Zybura, a licensed professional engineer, into the Public Member/Civil Engineer vacancy. Current Public Member/Local Governing Body Joseph DiFillippo, now retired, will slide into the Public Member vacancy. This will create two vacant positions for a Public Member and a Public Member/Local Governing Body.

Before the interviews began Vice Chairman Steve Szulecki read aloud the Sunshine Act.

The first candidate to be interviewed was Philip Makrelis, who is currently in charge of the noise program for Middlesex County. Following Mr. Makrelis was Christopher Bergacs an industrialist working for Mazza Recycling. The last candidate of the day was Scott Hendricks, an Animal Control Officer in Blairstown. Each candidate was interviewed for approximately 30 minutes.

The interviews will continue at the May meeting, with candidates, Lynette Dooley and possibly Nancy Wilson, who was originally scheduled to be interviewed in April but couldn't make it. After the final interview in May, pending a quorum, the NCC will discuss the candidates in Executive Session and then vote to fill the two vacancies.

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March 2022: Salvatore Fama and Jack Zybura, sent out their proposed amendments to the NCC before the meeting. Steve Szulecki had a comment on Mr. Fama's amendment which he sent out before the meeting as well. Gina Fischetti asked, if the complainants requested to remain anonymous, should their statements be allowed in the minutes? She also suggested that the NCC should record its meetings. It was pointed out that although the complainants remained anonymous, the owner of the gun range was mentioned by name several times. The complainants also gave detailed information about themselves that would make them easily identifiable because

of their statements. Mr. Szulecki stated the complainants should be contacted and made aware that if they want to remain anonymous their statements may not be recorded in the minutes but instead, the minutes will simply state that three anonymous complainants came to the meeting and spoke about gun range noise. There was a general agreement on this course of action, but no vote was taken. There was also a discussion on whether the meeting minutes in general, needed to be as detailed as they are moving forward.

CHAIR REPORT

There was no Chair report.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The NCC did not meet in Executive Session.

ADJORNMENT

Salvatore Fama motioned to end the meeting with Mark Roskein seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried, and the meeting ended.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 9:30 A.M. possibly at the building across the street from the Operator Training Center, as there is more room available for social distancing.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Feasel with edits by David Triggs, NJDEP Liaisons to the NCC.