

NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (NCC)
OCTOBER 8, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

NCC Voting Members: Arnold Schmidt (Chairman, Public Member) (had to leave at 10:15), Steve Szulecki (Vice Chairman, Public Member, Ecologist), Salvatore Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Norm Dotti (Public Member, Industrialist), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor), John Lago (Department of Community Affairs), Eric Lieberman (Department of Health), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor),

NCC Candidate Members (Pending confirmation from the Governor's Office): Joseph DiFillippo (Public Member candidate to replace John Surmay) and Jack Zybura (Public Member candidate to replace Jerry Feder).

Rutgers and NJDEP representatives: David Triggs (NJDEP Liaison to the Council), Michelle Feasel (NJDEP Co-Liaison to the Council).

Public: No one from the public was present.

MEETING MINUTES

The July meeting minutes were discussed. Joseph DiFillippo was inadvertently left off the "Attendees" list. Steve Szulecki motioned to approve the July minutes with the inclusion of Mr. DiFillippo and Arnold Schmidt seconded. All were in favor, except for John Lago and Randy Hauser, who abstained since they were not at the meeting.

The September meeting minutes were discussed, and it was determined that the motion to adjourn the meeting was combined with the motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Randy Hauser motioned to accept the meeting minutes with this change and Norm Dotti seconded. All were in favor, except for John Lago and Dr. Udasin who abstained, since they were not at the meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

Council Member Appointments: On September 20th a signed memo regarding NCC member appointments and re-appointments was sent from the DEP Commissioner to the Governor's Office. Chairman Schmidt called the Governor's Office and spoke with Lance Taylor, who confirmed that they received the memo.

NCC Elections: The NCC Chairman and Vice Chairman elections will be conducted during the November 12th meeting. Nominations, including self-nominations, will be accepted. Each nominee will have approximately five minutes to present their case, as per the by-laws. Hand-written ballots will be given to Mr. Triggs who will then count the votes and announce the winner.

OLD BUSINESS

Stakeholder Meeting: The DEP has scheduled a Stakeholder Meeting on January 8, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Public Hearing Room at 401 East State Street, Trenton, N.J. The meeting will be held to discuss the NCC's draft amendments to the State Noise Code at N.J.A.C 7:29. The amendments and their justification, will be reviewed and open for public comment. The amendments are considered technical in nature with no significant changes to the rule that might be considered controversial or have an economic/social or environmental impact. The entire code is not open for public discussion or comment, just the draft changes. While the entire NCC is encouraged to attend, David Triggs suggested that one or two members should present the amendments. Chairman (pending the November election) Schmidt will be on vacation and therefore will not be able to attend. Vice Chairman (pending the November election) Steve Szulecki volunteered with assistance from Norm Dotti. Eric Zwerling may also participate. An official invitation to the Stakeholder Meeting will be posted on the DEP's website prior to the meeting date. Additional outreach may also take place as per the Commissioner's Office. All attendees must R.S.V.P David Triggs at David.Triggs@dep.nj.gov as soon as is conveniently possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Model Noise Ordinance Revisions: On behalf of Lewis Goodfriend and Associates, Jack Zybura discussed their recommended changes to the Model. The topic of Impulsive Sound was tabled until Eric Zwerling returns. Tables I, II, III and section "VIII. Sound Production Devices", were discussed. John Lago motioned to approve these sections (pages 6 to 9) with the agreed upon changes and Norm Dotti seconded. All were in favor, so the motion passed. The notes under Tables II and III were also tabled, but it was agreed and approved, not to number the notes. It was pointed out that the changes in the Model should be in line with any approved amendments to 7:29.

Sound Production Devices: Norm Dotti pointed out that you must be careful when measuring C-scale for low frequency sound. Salvatore Fama requested a live demonstration at a NCC meeting, similar to what was done in the past. The other members agreed that this would be productive.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The NCC did not meet in Public Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The NCC met in Executive Session to approve the July Executive Session meeting minutes. The numbered minutes were passed out and upon approval with minor changes, were returned to David Triggs for filing. Norm Dotti motioned to accept the minutes with the changes and Steve Szulecki seconded. All were in favor, so the motion passed.

Randy Hauser motioned to adjourn the meeting and Salvatore Fama seconded. All were in favor, so the meeting ended.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 9:30 A.M. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Feasel with contributions by David Triggs, NJDEP Liaisons to the NCC.