

**NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 14, 2014  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING ATTENDEES:** Arnold Schmidt (Chairman, Public Member), Joseph Lepis (Vice Chairman, Civil Engineer), Drake Rizzo (Department of Community Affairs), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor), Steven Szulecki (Public Member, Ecologist), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor), Dr. John Kapferer (Public Member), Carl Accettola (Public Member), Eric Zwerling (Director, Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center) and David Triggs (Department of Environmental Protection, Noise Control Council Liaison) **GUEST:** Joseph DiFillipo (Middlesex County Public Health Department).

## **I. MEETING MINUTES**

The draft minutes for the September 9, 2014 meeting were approved with minor changes.

## **II. CHAIR REPORT**

- A Noise Control Council (NCC) contact list was e-mailed prior to the meeting by David Triggs and handed out at the meeting for any suggested changes.
- The NCC members in attendance voted unanimously to send Vice Chairman Joseph Lepis as their representative to the annual League of Municipalities (League) Conference in Atlantic City. Mr. Lepis will be part of a table session open to League members for questions regarding noise. He has participated in this fashion for many years. The conference runs from November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>
- The second Tuesday of November which would be the NCC's normal meeting date, falls on Veteran's Day. The NCC voted to instead meet the following day, the 12<sup>th</sup> as long as a reasonable number of members can attend. The alternate date will be posted on the DEP noise website once adequate member participation is confirmed.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- *Council Member Appointment:* Joseph DiFillippo presented the NCC with a brief bio. If he were to be submitted as a candidate for John Surmay's position, the Department would require a more detailed resume. Another resume was submitted for consideration by an employee of Lewis S. Goodfriend and Associates, an acoustical engineering consulting firm. While the resume was impressive, it did not suite the specific qualifications for "Local Governing Body" member which Mr. Surmay currently serves as. The submitted resume will therefore be kept on file pending future vacancies.
- *Website Update Regarding Municipal Model Noise Ordinance (Model):* Steve Szulecki agreed to draft wording for two sections of the Model that pertain to the maximum penalty amount. Once completed, the updated Model will be posted on the Department's noise website. Notification of the change will also be e-mailed to the municipalities by David Triggs.
- *Meadowlands Commission (MC) Noise issue:* The NCC may draft a letter to Assistant Commissioner John Giordano requesting that he approach the DAG's Office for clarification on whether the MC can use their own noise standards. David Triggs will not be able to share with Chairman Schmidt any e-mail correspondence between him and the DAG since the material is considered confidential.

## **V. GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

- Most of the recommended changes/amendments were grammatical.

- Norm Dotti (not present) has agreed to provide the section on C-scale measurements.
- Eric Zwerling handed out additional wording to further clarify the “2-10-30 minute rule” section. The NCC accepted his recommended additional language.

## **VI. PART 150 NOISE STUDY**

Joseph Lepis stated that no roundtable meetings have been scheduled. The NCC needs to draft a letter that endorses sending a NCC member as its representative to attend future meetings. Based on his extensive experience with airport noise evaluation and abatement, Norm Dotti was elected by the NCC at a previous meeting to represent them. Mr. Lepis agreed to draft the letter.

## **VII. STAKEHOLDERS MEETING (EMERGENCY GENERATORS)**

The NCC has decided to try to schedule the stakeholders meeting on emergency generators during the Rutgers’ Spring Break (March 14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>) to take advantage of more room space and parking availability. The building adjacent to the Operator Training Center is likely large enough with available parking and no rental fee which would be required by the Cook College Student Center. A list of potential stakeholders (municipalities, counties, manufacturers and businesses) needs to be created.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **IX. AGENDA ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED**

Bylaws review/revisions

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

Due to the Veteran’s Day Holiday the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 9:30 AM pending adequate member participation.

Respectfully submitted in Secretary Jerome Feder’s absence:  
David E. Triggs, NJDEP, NCC Liaison