

Minutes - Common Ground Committee
March 30, 2016

The Wallace Farm Common Ground Committee Meeting was held on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallace Farm office.

A total of seven (7) people were in attendance:

Charlie Lechner
Marina Riggio
Joe Taborek
Larry Bohlayer
Charles Dial
Michelle Wallace
Eric Wallace

New News

1. Public Outreach Spring Sale – Michelle reviewed the spring sale plan this year to include April 11-16 by invitation only, and April 18 – 23 for all others. Michelle will send fliers to Common Ground Committee members for distribution.
2. Operations – Wallace Farm is operation business as usual. As discussed in the last meeting, a material thought to be a common factor during fall odor complaints was transitioned to Davie County. Since our last meeting Wallace Farm has moved 3 additional materials, one of which could have odor at times.

Community Feedback

1. Joe Taborek – 2 times last weekend, 8:30 am and 11:30 pm, there was an odor noticed fairly close to the swim club. Eric reminded the group that we try not to turn rows on Fridays and we don't turn on Saturdays. Marina shared there was a Skybrook thread discussing the possibility of odors coming from Bradford Pear tree blooms. At the annual HOA meeting a month ago, no negatives were brought up.
2. Charlie Lechner – no complaints from Highland Creek's last advisory board meeting.
3. Larry – no complaints from Winding Walk. Larry shared a Google Earth map of Wallace Farm. Eric reviewed the current layout and showed the areas that have been removed from the active composting operation.
4. Charles Dial – Charles shared his role with Mecklenburg County to those he had not met. His experience is that according to the conditions of the permit, Wallace Farm is in compliance during his visits.

Additional Discussion

1. Material approval process: requests for new materials are submitted to Eric Wallace. He evaluates the material for fit with Wallace Farm and the community, then submits the request to NCDEQ for approval. From the time the request is received, the quickest Wallace Farm could accept new material is 3 -4 weeks.
2. Typically winter months have more complaints because of the weather conditions.
3. As always, if you notice any changes, please contact Eric or Michelle.

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4. What can we do better?
 - a. Road Conditions: The road sides were scraped a few months ago. Any dirt in the road now is related to increased truck traffic. We try to clean the roads on weekends for safety reasons. We are also running the water truck to keep the dust down. We continue to commit to keep the roads as clean as possible. Joe asked if we could get police assistance to help us clean the road. Michelle will assess feasibility.
 - b. Beautification: Eric has been in contact with a landscaper with the goal of mimicking the look of the Skybrook landscape across from the Farm entrance. Stay tuned.
 - c. Odor Management: Wallace Farm commits to continue to keep odors to a minimum.

Next Meeting: mid-June 2016