

Minutes - Common Ground Committee
June 9, 2016

The Wallace Farm Common Ground Committee Meeting was held on June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallace Farm office.

A total of six (6) people were in attendance:

Rod McLeod
Aaron Caudle
Teresa Bradford
Charles Lechner
Michelle Wallace
Eric Wallace

Eric opened the meeting by introducing Aaron Caudle from Mecklenburg County and providing an overview of the purpose of the Common Ground Committee.

Current status

1. Road cleanliness –We have received concerns about the road condition at our entrance. We must stop traffic to clean the road, so we always have to balance safety with cleanliness. Wallace Farm is exiting the peak season, so the big truck traffic will be slowing down. The large job bringing in topsoil is complete as well. These should collectively help improve the road conditions.
2. Entrance beautification – we have started creating a berm that will mimic the adjacent Skybrook entrance. A warm season grass will be planted now, followed by landscaping this fall.
3. Composting – business as usual. No new materials since last meeting. Wallace Farm is still following the conditions of our permit including turning during agreed upon hours and covering rows per procedure.
4. Wallace Farm will spend a lot of the summer doing site maintenance.

Community Feedback

1. Rod McLeod – Thanked Wallace Farm for a good job. Did not report any odor problems. Every once in a while the wind will pick up and he may smell the farm for 10 minutes or so. Has never smelled Wallace Farm on the golf course – he is there approximately 3 times / week.
2. Charlie Lechner – hasn't heard anything in the Highland Creek Advisory Board meetings about Wallace Farm.
3. Teresa Bradford – Has only seen the email concerns coming from Skybrook.
4. Aaron Caudle – He and Charles Dial performed an inspection a few weeks ago. Their findings indicated that Wallace Farm is doing everything according to the permit. The number of complaints is minimal.

Additional Discussion

1. What can we do better? Dust off the roads, possibly paving the entrance.
2. Eric reviewed the process Wallace Farm follows when receiving an odor complaint.