

New Hill Town Meeting – May 31, 2005 – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: New Hill Baptist Church

Attendees: Randel Sink – Chairperson
Phil Jeffreys - Wake County Commissioner
David Cooke - Wake County Manager
Mike Cross – Chatham County Commissioner
Patrick Barnes – Chatham County Commissioner
Bruce Radford – Apex Town Manager
Joe Durham – Wake County Deputy County Manager
Paul Barth - Minutes
New Hill Towns People

Key emails: Randel Sink (randelsink@earthlink.net)
Paul Barth (ncdeerhunter29@aol.com)
Phil Jeffreys (pjeffreys@nc.rr.com)
David Cooke (dcooke@co.wake.nc.us)

Subject: New Hill Waste Treatment Plant Proposal

Discussion:

Randel Sink

- thanked New Hill Baptist Church for hosting Town Meeting
- mentioned several invited guests were not able to attend
- Gave a brief overview of the plans for a waste treatment plant being proposed to be built in New Hill for the benefit of Cary, Apex and Morrisville. He explained that our knowledge of this project was only in the last few weeks and by word of mouth, not by any official County or Town representative
- Project Phase I commissioned in May 2002 by Cary, Apex, Morrisville, Fuquay-Varina – but New Hill was not included
- Phase II commissioned August 2004
- New Hill is target site but still not a participant – other potential sites were mentioned
- asked invited government guests to give their view of the project and current status
- June 14 – scheduled public meeting at fire station (location might be changed to handle anticipated attendance and availability of better presentation capabilities)

Phil, Dave and Town

- Phil knew about project before getting current position
- Phil mentioned that project has been covered in News and Observer newspaper and other papers – but possible site locations were not mentioned
- Town (Wayne Womble) - could any Wake County resident hook to it? Ans: Yes, but not sure about how this would happen
- Randel - only three (3) Towns voted on the waste treatment bonds – but no mention of New Hill being target site
- Town (Randy Miller) – does Town of Apex have long range plan? Ans: Yes. Does Wake County? Ans: Yes. Is New Hill shown as a site for Waste Treatment Plant? Ans: No.
- David Cooke – project initially involved Wake County (Cary, Apex, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina). Stated growth outlook projections. Infrastructure is needed to support Wake County grow. Need Regional waste treatment plant in Western Wake – site unspecified. When water is taken out of Jordon Lake, it must be returned to Cape Fear River basin as effectively and efficiently as possible. One plant is better than multiple plants. Decisions have been made at several public meetings. Site selection was not focused on until recently. June 14 is next public meeting regarding this project
- Randel sited the several options in initial report – includes White Oak Creek area. Site 10D at White Oak [Creek @ Jordan](#) Lake was the recommended option by engineering firm. Independent analysis by Holly Springs drove site selection to New Hill. No evaluation of the New Hill site has been completed

- David – June 14 meeting was just planned last week
- Town – when was plan decided to merge New Hill with Cary?
- Town – owner for pump station property not informed until week before it being selected
- Town – is New Hill site confirmed. Ans: Yes in that it is the best site. Board of Commissioner does not have to approve, only the “Partners” (Cary, Apex, Morrisville) need to approve since they are paying for the plant
- Town – what if money not accepted by site land owner. Ans: Phil – could condemn the land (eminent domain action) by Wake County Commission action
- Randel – Progress Energy is second largest land owner in NC, why not use their land? Has it been considered? Ans: Phil – Yes, Progress Energy land could be considered but not sure if this was considered
- Town – asked about the Richardson/Ragan site location. Ans: Randel – looks like it is off the table for now
- Phil – CDM/Hazen and Sawyer engineering firms evaluated sites. Town – did they do New Hill site. Ans: No.
- Phil – can’t keep up with every Town Board project every day
- Town – has contract been signed for New Hill site? Ans: No, not that Phil & Dave are aware
- Pat Barnes (Represents Chatham County District 1) Gave New Hill his advice. Cary is an evil empire. Told story – Cary tried to annex East Chatham because Cary didn’t think East Chatham governed themselves! Suggested writing letters for June 14 meeting that stated – stay the Hell out of New Hill. Also need to get organized and start grass roots group – don’t depend on Wake County Commissioners. Next General Election needs to have Commissioner with New Hill interests. That is what East Chatham did and succeeded in Elections. Cary is a cancer – we will lose if we are not organized!

Actions:

- began petition against New Hill Waste Treatment Plant
- Town’s people need to attend June 14 meeting!
- need to have people sign up for committees