# Meeting Agenda and Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Attendees, and Agenda**
   1. Attendees and New Members:   
        
      Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Leo Stahl, Jane Miluski, Carr Everbach, Paul Jacobs, and David Grady attended this meeting. There were no new members.
   2. Approval of the agenda:   
        
      The agenda was approved as distributed before the meeting.
2. **Approval of the Minutes: March 24**
   1. To be provided next meeting  
        
      Discussion at the March 24 meeting was primarily regarding the zero waste resolution, strategy, and plan with guests.
3. **Old Business and Open Issues**
   1. EAC Reporting to/action by the Commissioners (see zero waste below):   
        
      Mr. Silverstein summarized EAC’s input to Resolution 2021-9 that was approved by the NPT Commissioners on April 22, 2021 as well as the role of the EAC going forward for developing a Zero Waste Strategy and Plan.
   2. Zero Waste Resolution 2021-9:   
        
      The status of the Zero Waste Resolution and the expectations of the NPT Commissioners, shown below, were discussed.
      1. Discussed at length at 4/8 Commissioners meeting
      2. Edited, then passed at 4/22 meeting
      3. Calls for EAC (not separate group) to provide implementation recommendations
      4. Commissioners and public appreciative of EAC effort
   3. Composting program – more research? recommended steps:  
        
      This was discussed in Section IV of the agenda.
   4. Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal?   
        
      Mr. Jacobs presented a draft proposal for submission to Swarthmore to provide a Green Advisor to support the EAC’s efforts for educational outreach to residents. The deadline for submissions is June so comments on the proposal will be reviewed at the May EAC meeting.
   5. Report Back on related Organizations/events
      1. Brian Ward of WSSD attended March EAC meeting – continue contact.   
           
         Ms. Miluski and Mr. Grady will ensure that Mr. Ward is aware of EAC meeting dates and times.
      2. EAC Network Conference (4/10/2021) –  
           
         Mr. Jacobs provided a written summary of the 4/10 EAC Network Conference.
      3. RF100 Meeting (15th – Monthly). Did anyone attend April/available for May?
      4. Solarize Delco in formation  
           
         It was noted that Solarize DelCo’s website does not yet appear to be in operation. Mr. Bob Linn, who was contacted before the meeting, volunteered that NPT is getting a couple of requests each month for building permit applications related to residential solar installations.
      5. Solarize Montco 1st meeting Tuesday 4/20 (will be bi-weekly) –   
           
         Mr. Silverstein attended this meeting and reported that he talked to Mr. Bill Sabey about solar applications.
      6. Intro to solar 4/20 meeting – was anyone able to attend?   
           
         No one reported having attended this meeting.
      7. DelCo Sustainability Commission Meetings - Monthly (Alternate Th 6pm or Fri 2pm)
   6. Short newsletter articles – Status of platform. One topic could be EAC working on RF100 and zero waste. Community input appreciated.   
        
      Mr. Grady reported that Ms. Mona Price ([mprice@netherprovidence.org](mailto:mprice@netherprovidence.org) ) is responsible for coordinating the NPT Summer Newsletter and is asking for content from the EAC and other committees. Mr. Rose agreed to draft content before May 17 related to the EAC’s mission and the Zero Waste Strategy.

Four newsletters per year are anticipated. The EAC will develop a hit list of topics to include in future newsletters, such as recycling, retrievr, Zero Waste, etc.

1. **Main Topics**

Mr. Silverstein reviewed the following plan elements.

* 1. Plan for addressing GHG/Renewable Energy Resolutions
     1. Met Bill Sabey at Montco event
     2. Obtain Radnor Twp report by Practical Energy Solutions published in Feb (not per the template)
     3. Obtain info on Chester County trainings.   
          
        The Chester County EAC website will be checked for relevant information.
     4. Three branches?
        1. Near term projects
        2. Public education
        3. Plan writing/tracking
  2. Zero Waste Implementation  
       
     Mr. Everbach reported that Mr. Alex Danovich is a local consultant who has extensive experience in Zero Waste Strategies. Mr. Everbach agreed to contact Mr. Danovich to see if he would be willing to provide an overview to our EAC. Other MMEAC members, such as those from Media and Swarthmore Boroughs, may also be interested in attending if a meeting is arranged.
     1. Brainstorm list/program models
     2. Actions
        1. Composting – voluntary pilot?  
             
           Members noted that Media Borough has completed two pilot programs and is poised to implement a Borough-wide composting program. Mr. Grady volunteered to contact the Media Borough EAC and Mr. Rose volunteered to join the discussion and report back on the learnings.  
             
           Mr. Jacobs agreed to talk to Kitchen Harvest, which has been the contractor supporting Media Borough’s composting pilot program.
        2. Trash
           1. Gather current info (or does NPT have it?)  
                
              We discussed how to gather the information shown below. Mr. Grady pointed out that customization by trash haulers regarding pick-up locations. Mr. Grady agreed to ask the Swarthmore Borough Manager for an estimate of trash pounds per household in Swarthmore Borough.

Haulers

Existing services (anything innovative?)

Where does trash go (Delco transfer station, Covanta direct, landfill)

* + - * 1. Recommend improvements
      1. Recycling improvements  
           
         Mr. Grady noted that information resources on recycling can be found at [www.dep.pa.gov/business/land/waste/recycling/municipal-resources](http://www.dep.pa.gov/business/land/waste/recycling/municipal-resources) .  
         1. Our program
         2. With Delco (possibly yard waste, glass, etc.)

1. **New Business**
   1. Other Open Grant Applications (anything that could support composting implementation?)  
        
      No specific open grant applications were identified at this time but it was observed that grant opportunities for composting should be investigated.
   2. Other New Business  
        
      There was no other new business.
2. **Events/Announcements**
   1. There were no other notable events or announcements.
3. **Meeting Adjournment**

The next EAC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, starting at 7pm.