# Meeting Agenda and Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Attendees, and Agenda**
   1. Attendees and New Members:

Meeting attendees were Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Jane Miluski, Paul Jacobs, Jason DeVries, David Grady, and Marty Molloy. Leo Stahl sent his resignation to David before the meeting. Ethan Craig indicated that he is unlikely to attend future meetings. David Grady said that Corey Salmon has expressed interest in joining the EAC. The meeting was held by Zoom.

* 1. Approval of the agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated before the meeting.

1. **Approval of the Minutes: May 26 2021:**

The minutes from the May 26, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

1. **Old Business and Open Issues**
   1. Township e-newsletter
      1. Distributed around June 1 – likely select a 9/1 topic at our July meeting
      2. Website could use more informational links – possibly in connection with next item

Marty Molloy and David Grady will provide any feedback that they receive on the EAC’s contributions to the NPT Newsletter for future reference.

* 1. Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (application status)

Paul Jacobs said that the EAC’s program proposal has been submitted to Swarthmore College.

* 1. **Composting program** –
     1. Working meeting held 6/21 – notes from this meeting were distributed
     2. Update on meeting, next steps, feasibility of potential grant opportunity

Ken Rose reviewed notes from the meeting with Paul Jacobs and David Grady on June 21, 2021 regarding a USDA grant program to support municipal composting programs. Because the deadline for grant applications was July 16 and would require pre-approval of a 25% matching grant from the NPT Commissioners, it was concluded that it would not be possible to submit a credible grant application this cycle. This is the second year that this particular USDA program has requested applications so work should be done to prepare a pilot program that could potentially compete for funds in the future. EAC members cautioned that success in a composting pilot program would need to anticipate a longer-term program and a financial obligation.

We agreed that the following steps made sense to prepare for a future program: (1) review grants.gov on a regular basis, (2) contact Rep. Krueger’s office for assistance, (3) keep in touch with neighboring municipalities regarding composting, and (4) look for potential partners in a composting program. David Grady said that he would reach out to Rose Valley, WSSD, and Swarthmore College to get their thoughts on partnerships for a future composting program. Media Borough has completed two pilot programs and will kick off a Borough-wide program in early July.

To gather more information on DelCo’s yard waste composting programs and contractors, Paul Jacobs agreed to contact Kitchen Harvest and Marty Molloy agreed to contact Mother Compost.

* 1. EAC Reporting to/action by the Commissioners (see zero waste below)
  2. Zero Waste
     1. Carr made initial contact with Alex Danovich, zero waste expert. **Follow up is for us to schedule a meeting.**

Mr. Danovich will give a seminar on zero waste at 7pm on June 29, sponsored by the Energy Justice Network. Ken Rose will send the meeting announcement to EAC members for those interested in participating in this seminar.

* + 1. County solid waste planning

Bill Silverstein has volunteered for the County’s solid waste planning activity.

* 1. Report Back on related Organizations/events
     1. WSSD
     2. **Solsmart** –Review of Program goals (Bill Silverstein), neighboring approaches/guidance (Paul Jacobs and Bill Silverstein), next steps (outreach, checklist?)

Bill Silverstein will pursue the status with Bob Linn and with Solsmart and review the checklist prepared by Paul Jacobs. Paul has asked his solar panel contractor to give him copies of the planning documents for his own installation for future reference.

* + 1. RF100 Meeting (15th – Monthly).
    2. Solarize Delco in formation
    3. Solarize Montco
    4. DelCo Sustainability Commission Meetings - Monthly (Alternate Th 6pm or Fri 2pm)
    5. **CRC (Chester Ridley Crum) Watersheds Association – request to present at July EAC meeting**

Bill Silverstein will invite the CRC Watershed to present at our July meeting.

1. **Discussion Topics**
   1. Plan for addressing GHG/Renewable Energy Resolutions
      1. Radnor Twp report by Practical Energy Solutions – Paul distributed notes 5/27
      2. Obtain info on Chester County trainings
      3. Three branches?
         1. Near term projects
         2. Public education
         3. Plan writing/tracking
      4. Radnor divides into Reduce energy consumption, electrification, replace fossil fuels
   2. Zero Waste Implementation – discussed earlier in the meeting
      * 1. Composting – next steps?
        2. Trash – Data collection?
        3. Recycling
2. **New Business**
   1. Other Open Grant Applications (anything that could support composting implementation?)
   2. Other New Business

Ken Rose asked Marty Molloy whether the NPT Commissioners would be interested in the EAC monitoring legislative developments in the environmental area, such as pre-emption legislation. Marty said that this would be helpful and appreciated. The EAC will need to think about how best to do this.

1. **Events/Announcements**
   1. None
2. **Meeting Adjournment**

The next EAC meeting is expected to be in-person at the NPT Municipal Building on July 28.