# Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Attendees, and Agenda**
   1. Attendees and any New Members/interest
      1. In meeting room: Bill Silverstein, Marty Molloy, Ken Rose, and Cory Salmon
      2. Joined meeting by Zoom: Jane Miluski, Paul Jacobs, and David Grady
      3. Cory Salmon was welcomed as a new NPT resident who is interested in the activities of the NPT EAC. Cory introduced himself as a practicing engineer working in the area of water management.
   2. Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** June 23, 2021 prepared by Ken Rose and distributed
   * 1. The minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.
3. **Old Business and Open Issues**
   1. Township e-newsletter
      1. **Select a topic/author(s) for 9/1 edition**
      2. Website informational links
   2. Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (application status)

Paul reported that he will attend a meeting of the Swarthmore Green Advisors in August to review the EAC’s proposal and begin defining the communication tasks that will be covered by our proposal.

* 1. Composting
     1. **Updates on any communications since the last meeting**

At the last meeting, two potential commercial composters were identified: Mother Compost and Kitchen Harvest. These companies were contacted since the last meeting to learn more about their businesses, costs, and areas of operation. Marty talked to Mother Compost and reported that they do not service NPT

Paul reported that Kitchen Harvest does pick up from a small number of NPT resident subscribers currently and is interested in growing its business in NPT. Paul agreed to draft an article on Kitchen Harvest composting that could be reviewed for use in the September newsletter and also be provided as a flyer in the NPT municipal building and libraries to inform residents and increase composting participation by Township residents.

 

* 1. EAC Reporting to/action by the Commissioners (see zero waste below)
  2. Zero Waste
     1. Alex Danovich zero waste expert meeting not currently scheduled. Decision to attend 6/29 presentation through Energy Justice Network. Several NPT EAC members attended. Slides/recording should be available.

Here are Paul’s notes from the June 29, 2021 presentation by Alex Danovich at a meeting organized by the Energy Justice Network: <https://gardencity.news/2021/06/30/zero-waste/> Alex’s presentation provided useful information on zero waste issues as highlighted in Paul’s notes.

The group agreed that a second newsletter article providing more information on NPT recycling and swap sites for used goods, such as Facebook and NextDoor, would be a good idea. Paul agreed to draft a newsletter article for review at the next meeting.

Bill also reported that the DelCo Sustainability Committee has formed a Zero Waste Group.

* + 1. County solid waste planning
       1. Community attendance at recent county council meeting
       2. RFP to be issued for planning recommendations
  1. Plastics bans – Review and status of other communities
     1. Ken in contact with Penn Environment
     2. Bill and Jane attended Media EAC meeting July meeting
        1. They are very interested in moving forward, but do not have an August meeting.
        2. Discussed sustainability “certification” system

Bill and Jane attended the Media EAC meeting in July where they discussed a potential single use plastic bag ban. Apparently, this idea was considered pre-pandemic but was put on the shelf since that time.

The EAC expressed interest in proposing a single use plastic bag ban for NPT and agreed that more background work would be needed before proposing a resolution to the NPT Commissioners. This will be a continuing topic through the Fall, 2021. Marty, Jane, and David expressed an interest in continuing discussions on this topic with relevant stakeholders.

* + 1. Contact with other towns

It was noted that a contact list of EAC representatives in neighboring municipalities would be helpful, although not urgent.

* 1. Report Back on related Organizations/events
     1. WSSD
     2. **Solsmart** –Review of Program goals (Bill S), neighboring approaches/guidance (Paul and Bill), next steps (outreach, checklist?)
        1. Paul prepared draft checklist, with input by Bill, David, and code officials

The group discussed the draft checklist that Paul had prepared related to municipality solar panel installations. Paul noted that some additional information may be needed on the checklist related to ground-mounted solar panels. This should include some consideration of zoning exceptions for property setbacks.

David reported that he had also talked to the Swarthmore Borough manager to learn more about how they plan to approach solar installations in their municipality. If possible, harmonization between NPT and Swarthmore of the rules and regulations for installing solar panels would be advantageous for the benefit of residents and solar installers.

* + 1. RF100 Meeting (15th – Monthly).
    2. Solarize Delco/Montco

David agreed to call Solarize DelCo/Montco to find out more about their solar panel activities.

* + 1. DelCo Sustainability Commission Meetings - Monthly (Alternate Th 6pm or Fri 2pm)
    2. **CRC (Chester Ridley Crum) Watersheds Association**
       1. Timing did not work out for presentation at our July meeting and possibly not August either. To be scheduled.

Bill will invite a representative of the CRC Watersheds Association to attend and present at our September meeting.

* + - 1. Bill and Jane saw CRC presentation at Media EAC meeting (update)

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

David reported that NPT had received a letter from Acme Supermarket in NPT expressing an interest in installing two Volta electric vehicle charging stations in their parking lot with electric power coming from their store. Acme requested information on the requirements and permitting process for such an installation.

We agreed that this request should be responded to favorably and could be used to open a broader discussion regarding other environmental issues, such as single use plastic bags.

* 1. Zero Waste Implementation
     + 1. Composting – next steps?
       2. Trash – Data collection?
       3. Recycling

1. **New Business**
   1. Other Open Grant Applications (anything that could support composting implementation?)
   2. Other New Business

We discussed NPT activities related to storm water management and NPT’s Pollutant Reduction Plan. We agreed that this topic is appropriate to the EAC and that Cory will provide needed expertise to this regulated activity. Dave noted that he would ask Charles Catania, the Township Engineer, to attend or send someone from his office, such as Kristen Chorney, with MS4 knowledge.

Ken asked David to fix the links to the agenda and minutes on the NPT EAC web page and he agreed to do this. Cory noted that an update to Act 65, the Sunshine Act for municipal organizations, becomes effective on August 31.

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

The next EAC meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, August 25, starting at 7pm.