# Meeting Agenda and Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Attendees, and Agenda**
   1. Attendees and any new members/interest

In meeting room: Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Paul Jacobs, Cory Salmon, Dave Grady

By Zoom: Marty Molloy

With apologies: Jane Miluski

Dave reported that Jason DeVries has decided to resign his position on the EAC. Jason’s resignation led to a short discussion on EAC positions and the need to solicit new members.

Bill reported that his term expires at the end of 2021 and that he is interested in continuing as Chair for an additional three-year term. The EAC thanked Bill for his leadership and his willingness to continue as Chair of the EAC for another three-year term. The current members and terms are as follows:

* Term expiring 12/31/21:
  + Bill Silverstein (Chair): renew for another 3-year term as Chair
  + Vacant Position 1
* Term expiring 12/31/22:
  + Ken Rose (Vice-Chair)
  + Vacant Position 2 (Leo Stahl, recent resignation)
  + Vacant Position 3 (Jason DeVries: recent resignation)
* Term expiring 12/31/23
  + Jane Miluski
  + Vacant Position 4
* Ad-hoc Members:
  + Paul Jacobs
  + Cory Salmon

Bill asked David to call those participants who have previously shown an interest in EAC membership but have not attended recent meetings. Bill also recommended that a solicitation for new EAC members be included in the December newsletter, along with a summary of active EAC projects.

* 1. Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:** October 27, 2021, prepared by Ken Rose and distributed

The minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

1. **New Business**
   1. Upcoming events
      1. EAC Conference – February: This EAC regional Conference will be virtual and all members are encouraged to participate.
   2. Request for NPT Newsletter content by 11/30

Paul and David will draft the EAC’s contribution to the December NPT Newsletter which should include (1) a summary of current projects, (2) information on the December 15 planning meeting, and (3) a solicitation for new EAC members.

* 1. Scope December Planning Meeting

Ken distributed a one-page document extracted from EAC information on the NPT website. Five categories for EAC activity were included and on-going activities and approved NPT resolutions were then noted underneath these categories. Two additional categories will be added for the purposes of our planning discussion which are (F) Public Outreach and Communication and (G) Maintain Contact with Affiliated Groups.



After discussion, we agreed that the main activity areas can be further simplified in order to focus on the highest-level topics, such as ‘Trees, Waterways, and Open Spaces’, ‘Energy and Waste Minimization’ (or ‘Zero Waste Initiative’), ‘Climate Change and Renewable Energy’, etc. Underneath these topics (which are still to be agreed), sub-topics can then be listed (including communication and contacts) as well as specific tasks, deliverables, and timing in 2022. A rough draft of this information is the expectation from the December meeting.

* 1. All Other New Business

1. **Old Business and Open Issues**

We reviewed the status of these items. Paul reported that WSSD now has a kitchen manager so there may be a better opportunity to discuss a potential composting initiative and communication using the Green Advisors. Open items noted below will be pursued prior to the December meeting.

There was a short discussion on municipal trash collection and a future contract for yard waste. The EAC may be asked to conduct research in 2022 associated with these topics and should consider this as part of the 2022 planning.

* 1. Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (Paul and David)
  2. Open Grant Applications (anything that could support composting implementation?)
  3. Plastic Bag Ban – Media Borough
  4. Delaware County Sustainability Office – online survey

DelCo’s Office of Sustainability is conducting a survey of public opinion about the climate crisis until **December 15**. The results from this survey will help guide the development of a DelCo Climate Action Plan that will be released for public comment in the summer of 2022.

EAC members are encouraged to complete the on-line survey that can be found at: <https://www.delcopa.gov/sustainability/commission/index.html>

Ken noted an article that appeared in the November 17, 2021 issue of the DelCo *Town Talk*, titled ‘DelCo hires zero waste consultant to craft 10-year solid waste plan.’ The article states that the consultant will “survey the county’s 49 municipalities to determine their current solid waste and recycling levels and demographics and growth projections.” Marty said that he is not aware of any contact so far between the county offices and the municipality on this issue.

* 1. Delaware County EAC Summit follow-up (report on any contacts made by volunteers)
     1. contact Amber Levy at Tredyffrin to learn more about their recycling activities;
     2. contact Lower Gwynedd to learn more about the seminar program that they offer to their community;
     3. contact Newtown Square to learn more about how they are addressing waste management in conjunction with Sustainable Pennsylvania.

1. **Meeting Adjournment**
   1. Next Meeting: December meeting has been rescheduled to December 15th starting at 6PM. The date and time change will allow a longer 2022 planning meeting for 2022 activities.

David was asked to bring 2022 deadlines to the December 15 meeting for newsletter articles and approximate dates for key NPT budget decisions.