# Meeting Agenda and Minutes

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

Attendees: Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Dave Grady, Paul Jacobs, Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Krikor Panossian, Alex Morrison, Shaina Barnes, and Marty Molloy; Apologies: Jane Miluski

* + 1. Commissioner oversight roles

The EAC welcomed Commissioners Shaina Barnes (5th Ward, [sbarnes@netherprovidence.org](mailto:sbarnes@netherprovidence.org) ) and Marty Molloy (7th Ward) to the meeting. Marty reported that the NPT Commissioners recently revamped their oversight responsibilities for NPT Committees.

The objective of this change is to ensure that each Committee has a Commissioner’s voice on the township’s board and that there is a clear connection between environment and health concerns. Both Shaina and Marty emphasized that the new structure has more to do with ensuring active collaboration rather than oversight of NPT Committees.

Shaina, who has responsibility for Community, Environment, and Health, will now be primarily responsible for representing EAC issues on the township board. Because of his personal interest in environmental issues, Marty will continue to be interested in EAC activities. Max Cooper (1st Ward) has assumed an intergovernmental role, which could also impact certain EAC activities.

* + 1. Approval of the agenda and minutes (January 26, 2022, prepared by Ken Rose)

The minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting and the agenda for the February 23 meeting were approved.

1. **New Business**
   1. Upcoming events
      1. EAC Conference – February 26 – who is attending?

Ken and Paul said that they both planned to attend the EAC Network Conference and would report on the highlights after the conference. Their report is embedded below.



* 1. How to prioritize/sustain EAC progress
     1. Community calendar
     2. Document sharing
     3. Ownership of planned actions
     4. Communicating follow-up

Bill expressed his interest in maintaining forward progress following our planning meetings in December and January. EAC members discussed ways to prioritize and sustain progress and agreed that a commonly available work space for storing EAC calendar information and documents would be very helpful. Paul agreed to set up a Google drive for this purpose.

* 1. All Other New Business

There was no new business.

1. **Old Business and Open Issues** (organized per planning document with priority items noted)

Waste Minimization, Recycling, & Disposal (Zero Waste)

* 1. Waste collection data

Marty reported that the Commissioners are likely to establish a sub-committee to collect and report waste collection data. More information on this will be forthcoming, including ECA’s role if any.

* 1. Plastic bag ordinance – Update from 2/8/2022 Media EAC session, then NPT draft

Ken and Jane attended the plastic bag ordinance discussion on February 8 hsoted by the Media Borough EAC. Ken agreed to send a summary of this meeting to the EAC before the March meeting.

* 1. Delco open seats on SWA and new Municipal Waste Advisory Committee

Bill said that he plans to apply for one of the open seats on the DelCo Solid Waste Authority and the Municipal Waste Advisory Committee. The deadlines for application are March 4 and 10, respectively.

Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050

* 1. Facilitate Acme Plaza EV charging

Dave reported that the Acme Supermarket has started installation of two fast-charging stands for electric vehicles in front of their store.

* 1. Promote energy minimization – Attended 2/16 Solarizing Your Municipality. Further coordination is recommended.
  2. Reprioritize actionable projects (energy audit, muni garage solar, EV vehicle planning)

Dave discussed township vehicle replacement. Paul reported that Justin (Swarthmore Green Advisors) has been researching electric vehicle options. Paul noted that Haverford EAC has recently installed solar panels on one of their municipal buildings and may be able to provide useful insight on funding and function for solar panels. Dave reported that Bob Linn is planning to evaluate township buildings to see whether solar panels would be possible and cost effective. Krikor and Dave will follow-up with Micah Knapp on Solarize DelCo activities.

Climate Change Action Plan

* 1. Manage storm water plans – any specific action?

Dave and Cory reported that there is a new grant program for storm water management activities. Some work will be done in Sapovits Park to improve water runoff but this work will probably not start until after Unity Day at the end of August.

Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)

* 1. Nothing right now per planning
  2. Consider public education on mosquito spraying. And what does NPT do?

Alex expressed interest in native plants, open spaces, and mosquito management and volunteered to contribute an article for a future NPT newsletter. Dave said that NPT currently does not spray for mosquito suppression but that many residents do and would value this information.

EAC Connections to Commissioners, Other Organizations, and Municipalities

* 1. 2/26 EAC Network Conference – see agenda item 2.a)I above
  2. Requests from Commissioners/report at meetings – were letters sent re 537 Plan?
  3. Sierra Club/RF100 – Did not attend February. Follow up from January was discussion with Howard Sherman re Media contact and sharing educational information.

Education and Outreach to NPT Residents

* 1. Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (Paul and David)

Paul reported that there may be an opportunity for composting at a local school and will report further on this at the next meeting.

* 1. Next NPT newsletter/communications (topics and timing)

Dave said that the regular schedule for NPT newsletters is March, August, and December and the EAC should plan accordingly.

* 1. Scout troop contact

Jane sent the following email while the EAC meeting was in progress regarding the Scout Troop that has requested EAC information on recycling and climate change:

*Although I have emailed Rita Varano (Boy Scout contact) several times, we have not spoken, and I have NO information.  She did not call at our agreed time. I am afraid she expects to call me, and I will "hop to" at the moment she calls. I will keep trying to make this work as I DO believe that the Scouts could be very helpful not only in cleaning up recycling, but in helping their families understand that the real route is through "refuse" and "reuse."*

* 1. Delaware County EAC Summit follow-up
     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 -** Next Meeting: March 23rd at 7 PM (4th Wednesday at 7)

Highlights from the February 23, 2022 Meeting:

* The EAC welcomed NPT Commissioner Shaina Barnes to the meeting along with Commissioner Marty Molloy. The NPT Commissioners have revised their roles and responsibilities so that Shaina will be the EAC’s primary contact in the future and help to coordinate issues covering community, environment, and health.
* Two EAC members participated in the February 8, 2022 discussion on plastic bag ordinances hosted by the Media Borough EAC.
* The EAC agreed to create a shared space for EAC calendar information and documents.