

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Call to Order, Attendees, Agenda, Minutes**

- a) Attendees and any new members/interest
- b) Attendees: Bill Silverstein, Jane Miluski, Cory Salmon, Paul Jacobs, Krikor Panossian (remotely), Shaina Barnes; Dave Grady
  - i) Approval of the agenda and minutes (March 22, 2022, prepared by Ken Rose) – the minutes were approved as written.

### **II. New Business**

- a) Recent and Upcoming events
  - i) 3/29 DCSWA Info Session - Report by Bill S – Mr. Silvestein said there was not much new additional information to provide. More info sessions would be held.
  - ii) 4/7 Delco Regional Recycling Forum - Notes provided by Ken/Report by Bill S – Mr. Silvestein said there would be more discussions and he would report back to the group. One of the ideas was for further educating residents. For example, could Nether Providence do a video to educate people where the recycling goes.
  - iii) 4/18 RF100 – Mr. Silverstein said no one was able to attend, but the group is looking at the idea of a regional EAC.
  - iv) 4/21 Delco Sustainability Conference - Report by attendees – Mr. Jacobs said he watched the conference remotely. Some of the issues were off-topic, such as the Health Department speeches, but other topics were interesting and useful. Mr. Salmon attended in-person. One of the topics was about how to reduce packaging materials. He also noted that Haverford College had students calculate solar panel usage.
  - v) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee listening sessions (4/28 Guiding Principles, 5/26 Zero Waste Initiatives, 6/30 Draft Plan Elements) – Mr. Silverstein said the committee has 19 members from the region, and the meetings are open to the public. He said they are expecting a decent amount of Covanta-related public comment. The NP EAC also discussed asking for a County yard waste option, since it can be difficult for each of the individual municipalities to find long-term and affordable yard waste disposal options. Glass recycling through the County was discussed. Mr. Silverstein said the listening sessions will help the County come up with a plan waste, especially with regard to moving away from the Covanta disposal option. There was a question about whether or not NP can provide written comment. Mr. Jacobs said he would create a Google document.
  - vi) Scout meeting on recycling – postponed. Ms. Miluski said she had been talking with the Scout Leader who said the attendance would be limited. Therefore, they opted to reschedule to May 16th in an attempt to get more attendees. Ms. Miluski said it would be great to have recycling information tables at NP events.
- b) How to prioritize/sustain EAC progress
  - i) Community calendar - created - some events added – no updates
  - ii) Document sharing - created - agendas/minutes/planning docs posted - no updates

- iii) Ownership of planned actions - no updates
- iv) Communicating follow-up - no updates
- c) All Other New Business - no updates

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

#### Waste Minimization, Recycling, & Disposal (Zero Waste)

- a) Waste collection data
- b) Plastic bag ordinance – Media Status?, Haverford passed 4/11 (for 1/2023) – The group discussed that they had heard that Media Borough was planning to adopt their plastic bag/single-use plastic ordinance. The group suggested that the Board of Commissioners discuss at their April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- c) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee - first public session 4/28 Guiding Principles - Consider NPT needs/desires as an EAC or otherwise – no updates
- d) Update on DCSWA contracts. – Mr. Silverstein said that a contract was approved for three years, but it will not be renewed for more than one year at a time. He said this still gives the County flexibility to adjust if a better disposal option is found.
- e) Is NPT waste team forming? – There were no updates. Commissioner Molloy would be leading the formation of a refuse option.
- f) March recycling invoice net \$37.53/ton
- g) Recycling forum noted above - follow up on possible video and shared learning on recycling

#### Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050

- h) Promote energy minimization – Attended 2/16 Solarizing Your Municipality. Further coordination is recommended. – There was a question about whether or not the DVRPC was doing any sort of power purchasing agreements. Mr. Grady said he would look into it. There was discussion to see if it would be possible for a company to buy and own the solar panels, which the Township would lease from the company. The company could take advantage of the tax credits and provide those savings to the Township.
- i) Reprioritize actionable projects (energy audit, muni garage solar, EV vehicle planning)

#### Climate Change Action Plan

- j) Manage stormwater plans – any specific action? – no updates

#### Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)

- k) Furness Park invasive species management plan - no updates
- l) Consider public education on mosquito spraying. - no updates

#### EAC Connections to Commissioners, Other Organizations, and Municipalities

- m) DCSWA outreach to COG – there was an unsuccessful attempt to reach the Delaware County Council of Governments President, so Mr. Grady said he would reach out to Mr. Jim Warner at the DCSWA.
- n) Requests from Commissioners/report at meetings – were letters sent re 537 Plan
- o) Sierra Club/RF100 – Did not attend February. Follow up from January was discussion with Howard Sherman re Media contact and sharing educational info

### Education and Outreach to NPT Residents

- p) Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (Paul and David)
- q) Next NPT newsletter/communications (topics and timing) - one just came out with good EAC and Green Advisors content.
- r) Scout troop contact

**I. Meeting Adjournment** - Next Meeting: May 25 at 7 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7)