

Newtown Borough Environmental Advisory Council
December 9, 2024 Minutes DRAFT
Council Chambers 23 N. State St. Newtown PA 18940 and Zoom

Members present: Katherine Borish, Pat Foster, Tim Markey (Co-chair), Samantha McGraw (Co-chair), Julia Woldorf (Council Liaison) **Absent:** Glenn Beasley, Bob Mirales, Gerard O'Malley

1. Review agenda the agenda was reviewed with no changes.
2. Approve minutes: Pat made the motion and Tim seconded the motion to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes. All voted in favor.
3. Katherine informed that the joint EAC meeting with the Township will be moved to Feb 10, 2025 at Borough Hall.
4. EAC Priorities for 2024 - The EAC discussed the status of EAC priorities:
 - a. Official Map: no new updates
 - b. Sustainable landscaping: discussion ensued about the scope of this topic, as sustainable landscaping is a broad topic. We will need to determine the bigger picture and then what direction we want to take.
 - c. Investigate creation of a Newtown Borough Climate Action Plan: Tim made a good contact at the local level whom he has contacted and is awaiting a response. He also told us about Penn State's School of Sustainability which matches students with local projects related to climate change. Students are available to help gather data needed. One question we would want to answer is "what are the sources of emissions here in the Borough?" This could be a possible partnership with the Township.
 - d. Storm Sewer Decals: Tim informed the EAC that all needed supplies to finish the project are now in and work will commence again in the spring.
5. Other Topics:
 - Earth Day -Katherine informed us that the Newtown Theater is no longer available for our planned Earth Day event. We discussed alternative ideas: possibility of an Arbor Day (4/25) celebration as something different. Julia suggested the Chancellor Center as a good place to use as it is equipped with the AV and screen needs. Katherine will contact the Rec Board to see what events they may have already planned.
 - Katherine writing an article for local publication and Borough news on New Year Resolutions for a Sustainable Lifestyle.
6. Borough Council Update: Julia updated the EAC that the Frost Street project is getting started.
7. New Business: None
8. Next Newtown Borough EAC meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Tim made the motion to adjourn and Pat seconded with all agreeing and the meeting was adjourned.

For the Council,

Katherine Borish