

**Newtown Borough Environmental Advisory Council**  
July 14, 2025 Minutes  
Council Chambers 23 N. State St. Newtown PA 18940 and Zoom

**Members present:** Glenn Beasley, Katherine Borish, Pat Foster, Tim Markey (Co-chair), Samantha McGraw, Bob Mirales, Summer Bound, Julia Woldorf (Council Liaison)

1. Review agenda: The agenda was reviewed with no changes. Katherine's topic was added to the new business section.
2. Approve minutes: Katherine made the motion, and Pat seconded the motion to approve the June 9, 2025 minutes, with the removal of Glenn as being in attendance. All voted in favor – Glenn abstained.
3. EAC Priorities for 2025
  - a. Sustainable Landscaping: Reminder to complete the survey – 70 responses so far. There was discussion about what the next steps will be after the survey completion deadline closes. One suggestion was to hold a public meeting to discuss the results. Ultimately the group decided that we will need to see what the results are and then use that to help inform our priorities in this topic area going forward. Julia recommended Bob develop an official report to present to council – likely in October. Julia will also follow up with Craig about the timeline for maintenance contracts.
  - b. Climate Action Plan (CAP): First kickoff meeting held week of July 7. There are a variety of municipalities participating in the program this year. Once the students begin their fall semester, each municipality will be assigned 1-2 students who will work with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to get the data needed to create the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory. General timeline: fall – data collection and inventory development; winter and spring – finish inventory, present to council and then move into a planning phase for how we intend to use the data. Tim will find out if the EAC can have access to the resources that the students are using to compile the inventory. Some suggestions were made by the group about opportunities for us to promote our engagement in the program to help build interest and support from the community over time – such as a press release or quarterly articles that could highlight our progress.
  - c. Storm Sewer Decals: This project is ongoing. If anyone sees spots that need new decals, let Patrick know. We can consider sending out the map of the storm drains marked to the public to inform them of our efforts. Hope to have this effort completed by the fall.
4. Borough Council Update
  - a. Official Map – council committee consisting of Julia, Gail Foley, and Gina Tognini will meet soon to discuss this further.
  - b. A meeting about the pedestrian bridge was held June 26 where the hired firm presented some design ideas and solicited input from the public. They will prepare revisions to the design based on input from this meeting.
  - c. EAC should begin thinking about our budget for 2026.

- d. Julia spoke to Craig who confirmed he would follow up with businesses regarding the plastics ordinance.
- e. Julia asked the Sewer Board members to attend an upcoming council meeting to provide an update on the wastewater treatment project.

5. New Business

- a. Bucks County Mosquito Control: Every year Newtown Borough confirms approval to participate in this program. As of the July EAC meeting, there was no positive test for the West Nile virus that would prompt the need for the county to spray. Information is posted on the Borough's website about how to deal with mosquitoes.
- b. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): Katherine received an email from Liz Robinson about this. CCA enables local governments to choose electricity provider(s) for their constituents, at no cost. With CCA, PA Boroughs can purchase electricity on behalf of all residents and small businesses within their jurisdiction. Residents and local businesses can opt out of the Borough CCA at any time, for free. There was a recommendation that this be considered as part of our Climate Action Plan development. After discussion, the decision was made that more research needed to be done, and we should consider extending an invitation to Liz Robinson to speak to us about it.
- c. New Website: Creating a new Borough website is still a goal for Craig, however, there is no official timeline for this since other more priorities have taken precedence. The EAC expressed interest in being able to provide feedback/input on the website upgrade process.

6. Public Comment: None.

- 7. Next Newtown Borough EAC meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers and via Zoom.
- 8. Motion to Adjourn: Pat made the motion to adjourn, and Katherine seconded with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

For the Council,

Samantha A. McGraw

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