

**NEW HOPE BOROUGH**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
Community Room – 125 New Street

**Present:** Phil Dahlin, Chair; Kelly Whitman, Council Liaison; John Danaher; Pamm Kerr; Matt Egner; and Ross Keyes.

Call to Order: **6:35PM**

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from December 5th EAC Meeting: **Approved**
2. Council Update
  - a. **Keri no longer with borough**
  - b. Reorganization of Borough Council, Boards and Commissions
    - i. **New EAC members: Matt Egner**
    - ii. **Re-appointments: Pamm and Ross**
    - iii. **Liaison roles shifted around Kelly will be replaced with Joe Kassick**
  - c. 2026 Budget
    - i. **Budget includes funding on battery bucket, EV Charger, and EV**
      1. **No timeline on battery bucket yet**
      - ii. **Comp plan budget for studies, ground water third in line for funding**
  - d. Comp plan timetables and recommendations
    - i. **Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) will be providing an update**
    - ii. **New audio visual system will be added to community room**
3. Old Business
  - a. EV charging equipment and vehicle purchase timelines
    - i. **An electrical contractor has been identified**
    - ii. **Phil will check about adding EV charging in Village 2**
4. New Business
  - a. Thanks to Mark Magerman for his service to EAC and welcome to new EAC member (pending Council approval on 05Jan26)
    - i. **Thanks to Mark!**
    - ii. **Welcome to Matt!**

- b. Steam train in New Hope and air quality concerns
    - i. **Local residents have inquired about emissions from steam train**
    - ii. **Train under federal jurisdiction, so limited ability for local regulation**
  - c. Cross commission meeting establishment, incl. green initiative
    - i. **Representatives from Parks and Rec. Board, Shade Tree Commission, and three community members will be on this commission**
    - ii. **Kelly will reach out to Pete regarding the commission**
5. Discussions
- a. Potential for EAC stewardship awards in 2026 (private and public sector)
    - i. **Phil saw an article of other EACs giving out award(s) every year**
    - ii. **We could potentially combine this effort with Solebury EAC**
    - iii. **Project award, organization award, business award, greenest development award**
    - iv. **Need to set up criteria**
  - b. Roles & responsibilities for EAC (e.g., secretary)
    - i. **Ross will continue on as recording secretary**
  - c. Fill in for Chair in February meeting
    - i. **Phil will be out the first two weeks of February**
    - ii. **Phil will prepare agenda for February meeting and Ross will fill in as chair.**
6. Public Comment
- a. **N/A**
7. Adjournment:**7:56PM**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 @ 6:30pm