

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, March 22, 2021**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair, Dr. Paul /85200Canniff, John Solomon, Derek Vannier, Rob Wilson

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison; Alex Bowe, Citizen ; Cynthia Cole, Citizen; Jane Ward, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the March 22, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:03 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by Rob Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting with edits. 2nd by John Solomon four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion moved by John Solomon to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Derek Vannier five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Old Business:

A Peter Doyle welcomes ne member Dr. Paul Canniff to the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC). So it's great that you could join us.

Peter Doyle informs members that Barnstable Town Council voted and passed a Climate Emergency Resolution, strengthening the town's commitment to sustainability. The resolution was sponsored by Councilor Gordon Starr and brought forward by the town's Infrastructure and Energy Committee. Climate Action Network (CAN) has several agenda items to work on.

Peter Doyle updates committee on getting Barnstable the Green Communities designation, which the town is in the process of right now. It is still on the town agenda and going along. The March 18, 2021 Town Council meeting there was a stretch code workshop. The upshot of that meeting was that the building commissioner was going to submit his proposals for an improvement on the stretch code and then those proposals would be submitted to the state and they would have to approve it as to being acceptable in comparison to the stretch code, and therefore making the Town, eligible for Green Community application submittal.

Peter Doyle discusses proposing the Town hire a sustainability coordinator. Committee members discuss what a stainability coordinator would do. Manage Towns green efforts, solar etc., get enormous projects off the ground, look for grant money there's plenty for a sustainability person to do. Committee agrees would be in favor of encouraging Town hire a sustainability coordinator. Peter Doyle agrees to come up with a job description.

Peter Doyle updates the committee on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The Cape Cod Commission has just finished a study.

Peter Doyle discusses IEC subcommittees he states as long as a subcommittee has no more than three full committee members involved we're okay. That's why subcommittees are actually a valuable piece because you can meet and discuss things and bring to the full committee for action or direction

John Solomon leads the recycling subcommittee. Would like to start a climate change subcommittee, solar subcommittee and a water resources subcommittee, if anybody was interested in any of those or something they dream up themselves please contact Peter Doyle. But at this point we've only got four members; subcommittee is where we'll spend all our efforts right now.

Peter Doyle submitted the annual report, and anybody who wants to see the annual report contact Peter Doyle.

Peter Doyle reports that David Anthony made a report to the Town council on March 4, 2021 regarding the Green Communities. He's watching closely. There was some interest in every once in a while putting forth our agenda.

Peter Doyle suggests utilizing the Barnstable "E-Weekly" newsletter to educate and inform citizens could begin with recycling information.

John Solomon updates IEC members on the recycling subcommittee efforts first, need more signage to encourage people to recycle food waste; second when stickers are renewed to include a message at the time that people are getting their stickers use that as an opportunity to communicate with citizens such as the importance of composting as part of recycling. Third is, before we get too far down the need to contact Watts Family Farm, learn how much material they're able to take careful that we don't collect more food waste than they can handle. Fourth, applying for grants to make improvements to the, the shed, where we collect the compost, and possibly relocating it to a little bit more central location, so people see it as part of the regular recycling. Another one was making totes available for food waste collection. Discussed continue to fund the yard waste screening. A great program of collecting yard waste and screen it, make available for citizens to pick up. Last we heard that program had been suspended. Subcommittee would like to get that going again. John Solomon says the recycling subcommittee would like to explore other options for plastic and paper recycling and review the contract with New Bedford waste. John Solomon and recycling subcommittee members will continue to meet and report back IEC

Peter Doyle asks members to submit agenda items to him the Tuesday before the following Monday meeting.

Committee members talk about leaf blowers, air pollution and noise pollution. If somebody wanted us to do something about it where would they start? Suggested start with a town councilor, could possibly take to the planning department for review of noise ordinance.

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

April 26, 2021. May 10, 2021, May 24, 2021.

Adjourn

The three members in attendance of the March 08, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting agreed to end the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, March 22, 2021

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and energy Committee Minutes February 22, 2021 and March 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski