

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee  
Minutes, February 28, 2022**

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present:** (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair, Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Dr. Paul Canniff, B. Clay Schofield, John Solomon, Rob Wilson

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:**

Kathryn Hautanen

**Others in Attendance:** (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr, Councilor, Kate Maldonado Assistant Director of Planning & Development, Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle called the February 28, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and 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 John Solomon to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Dr. Paul Canniff, six members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion moved by Dr. Paul Canniff to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Rob Wilson, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, John Solomon abstained, motion carried.

Postpone approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2022, Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting.

**New Business**

Kate Maldonado Assistant Director of Planning & Development Presents Complete Streets: what, process & next steps. Kate Maldonado focuses on what are complete streets. The process involved with the Complete Streets funding program, as well as where the Town of Barnstable is currently and what the next steps are. Complete Streets, are streets that are designed for people of all ages and all abilities that prioritize safety, comfort and accessibility. By establishing a complete streets policy, a town reflects a commitment to plan design and maintain as well as operate right of ways as determined feasible and practical to improve the quality of life for their communities. For more details see PowerPoint presentation attached.

A question, what is the going cost per mile or something like this? \$400,000 doesn't sound like a lot of money. Does the money get split up per village other another way? Can the prioritization change over time? Do you think the focus will be disrepair areas?

**Old Business**

Peter Doyle informs committee members that all the conflict of interest documents are up to date. He says great job to members.

Peter Doyle asks for a vote whether this meeting should begin meeting in person or continue meeting via zoom. Jane Ward makes a motion Infrastructure and Energy Committee meetings continue meeting via zoom. John Solomon seconds the motion. Discussion Clay Schofield sates meetings are more enjoyable face to face. Jane Ward states meetings via zoom are convenient. Five members in attendance voted affirmatively, Clay Schofield opposed, motion carried. Infrastructure and Energy Committee meetings continue meeting via zoom.

Peter Doyle asks for a vote whether the Infrastructure and Energy Committee meetings should be recorded or proceed as is with minutes only. Jane Ward makes a motion Infrastructure and Energy Committee meetings continue with minutes and not start recording meetings. Dr. Paul Canniff seconds the motion. Rob Wilson state by being recorded is helpful to have the work we do in some sort of repository. Others think that by recording the meeting will inhibit members speaking out, and will lose some of the easy going nature of the committee. There is discussion of making the meetings as modern as possible to attract the greatest number of citizen's interest. Peter Doyle postpones the vote until March 14, 2022 meeting.

Peter Doyle continues efforts updating Infrastructure and Energy Committee webpage with helpful information. Committee needs either town staff or department to facilitate getting information onto the webpage. Dan Santos has indicated that he would do that for us. Peter Doyle still is working on his "What can I do" information.

Chatham's Net Zero ordinance and State of Massachusetts net zero Kathryn Hautanen absent, will review next meeting.

Recycling subcommittee John Solomon reports there are funds to purchase compost bins and compostable liners that we can give to people to get started food waste composting, recycling flyers and signs to place at the transfer station. John Solomon also states may encourage composting at home; possibly subsidize the program for citizens to get started. One thing might consider is equipment needed for the yard waste composting. John Solomon remembers the screener machine that does the screening at the Transfer Station needed repair. John Solomon reports everything is moving forward. The step is to polish the proposed budget to present to Daniel Santos at a meeting. John Solomon will develop a budget for review at the next meeting. Gordon Starr suggests the inclusion of signage for the composting shed at the Transfer Station. Peter Doyle notes that the Cape Cod Commission is exploring composting locally on the Cape. If this happens would greatly reduce the cost of food waste composting for Barnstable. John Solomon and Peter Doyle will reach out to Municipal Assistance Coordinator Kari Parcell to a future Infrastructure and Energy Committee Meeting.

Native Plant by law – Peter Doyle will discuss with Mr. Santos before going any further with this idea. If the town of Barnstable is already using native plants it would be nice to place signage at the native planting sites to inform residents.

Sustainability Position Gordon Starr will discuss with Mark Ells. Committee members feel optimistic that there is discussion of what department the position will work.

### **Adjourn**

Peter Doyle asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. **Motion** moved Clay Schofield to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:07 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; six members in attendance voted affirmatively.

**Next Meeting:** March 28, 2022 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 11, 2022 April 25, 2022 May 9, 2022 May 23, 2022

### **Documents and Exhibits**

Handout 1: Agenda, February 28, 2022

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes January 10, 2022 and January 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski