Infrastructure & Energy Committee Minutes February 13, 2023

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair; Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Kathryn Hautanen, John Solomon, Rob Wilson

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr, Councilor, Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant,

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle, Chair called the February 13, 2023 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 Kathryn Hautanen to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2022 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by John Solomon, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

New Business

Election of officers

Peter Doyle opens the floor for nominations for the position of Chair. Rob Wilson nominates Rob Wilson for the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee. Peter Doyle asks if there are any further nominations. Peter Doyle declares the nominations closed. Peter Doyle asks for a second motion to nominate Rob Wilson as the Infrastructure and Energy Committee Chair. John Solomon 2nd, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion passes.

Peter Doyle opens the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. John Solomon nominates Jane Ward for the position of Vice Chair of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee. Peter Doyle asks if there are any further nominations. Peter Doyle declares the nominations closed. Peter Doyle asks for a second motion to nominate Jane Ward as the Vice Chair of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee. Kathryn Hautanen 2nd, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion passes.

Old Business

John Solomon goes over the recycling subcommittee recommendations letter. John Solomon states he is ready to present to the Town Council. Gordon Starr will facilitate getting on the Town Council Agenda. He will also let Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members know the date so they can attend.

Kathryn Hautanen has been trying to set up a tour of the Yarmouth Transfer Station.

Kathryn Hautanen, Jane Ward and Peter Doyle met to plan and organize a list of restaurants to work with as early adopters of Food waste collection efforts. Kathryn Hautanen, Jane Ward and Peter Doyle discussed food waste composting, education and awareness efforts

Committee members discuss working with Black Earth Compost, LLC to pick up food waste at restaurants. John Solomon states committee should work on educating Town Council. John Solomon would like the Town Council to address the need to start composting food waste.

Members continue to discuss ways to inform Town Councilors and educate citizens on the importance of composting and food waste reduction. Members discuss using grant money for education on the topic.

Kathryn Hautanen shares her screen and informs members that Recycling Assistance Find-A-Recycler Tool does not have a list of food waste composters.

Jane Ward states she would like to continue to seek ideas and opportunities to educate citizens and Town Councilors on the benefits of Green Community designation for the Town of Barnstable.

Jane Wards states she is looking forward to meeting the new Sustainability Coordinator and it is hopeful that this person will begin to attend Infrastructure and Energy Committee Meetings.

Kathryn Hautanen shares her interests for the committee agenda items

- 1. Watershed Water Quality
- 2. Internet and 5G access when it will be available
- 3. Ocean health building restriction on marshes
- 4. Residential wind power options

John Solomon asks if Daniel Santos responded to the possibility to attend a future Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. Peter Doyle states that Daniel Santos responded affirmatively.

Rob Wilson asked if there was an update available regarding the closed redemption center at the Transfer Station, No information available for this meeting.

The next meeting is February 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Adjourn

Peter Doyle asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. Kathryn Hautanen makes motion to adjourn the February 13, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:02 PM, 2nd by Jane Ward; four members in attendance voted affirmatively.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2023at 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meetings: March 13, 2023 March 27, 2023

Documents and Exhibits

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes – February 13, 2023 Meeting

Handout 1: Agenda, February 13, 2023

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes December 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski