

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes
March 13, 2023**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Rob Wilson, Chair; Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Peter Doyle, Barry Sheingold, John Solomon,

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent: Kathryn Hautanen

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Jan Raap, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant,

Call to Order:

Rob Wilson, Chair called the March 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.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by John Solomon to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Jane Ward, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

New Business

Rob Wilson asks members to introduce themselves to new member Barry Sheingold. Rob Wilson introduces new member Barry Sheingold, and asks him to tell the group about himself.

Barry Sheingold introduces himself and describes his professional background, education history, and interests, and skills.

Rob Wilson asks what member does for composting. Committee members tell what they are doing and what products they use to compost. Members also explain the success and failures they have had.

Rob Wilson discusses wide range in charter for the Infrastructure and Energy Committee. He asks for members thoughts about dividing mandates into two separate committees.

Rob Wilson discusses a food waste regulation presentation to the Town Council. John Solomon will forward a draft presentation to Matthew P. Levesque Town Council President. Rob Wilson offers assistance with putting presentation into PowerPoint.

Jan Raap introduces herself and gives a brief history of her involvement with renewable energy committee. Jan Raap offers to attend upcoming meetings when she is available.

Old Business

John Solomon goes over the recycling. John Solomon describes SEMASS waste recycling plant in Rochester, and ABC Disposal Service in New Bedford. John Solomon describes glass recycle locally. Processed glass aggregate program, where glass bottles and jars get crushed into an aggregate to be used locally in infrastructure projects.

John Solomon tells committee members that he and Cynthia Cole attended a West Barnstable Village Association Meeting. The meeting was very successful. They handed out dozens of recycle buckets and liners. Many West Barnstable village association members interested in food waste composting. John Solomon and Cynthia Cole would like to attend other village association meetings.

John Solomon and recycling committee continue to work on signage at the transfer station and flyers will be sent out with sticker renewals.

Rob Wilson states he will send Cape Cod Commission Study (analyzing disposal of waste across entire Cape) link to members.

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.

Rob Wilson will contact Transfer Station and Recycling Division Supervisor Tracy Regazio.

Members continue to discuss ways to inform Town Councilors and educate citizens on the importance of composting and food waste reduction.

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.

Committee members agree they are looking forward to meeting the new Sustainability Coordinator and are hopeful that this person will begin to attend Infrastructure and Energy Committee Meetings.

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

Adjourn

Rob Wilson asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. Jane Ward makes motion to adjourn the March 13, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:22 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; five members in attendance voted affirmatively.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2023 at 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meetings: April 24, 2023 May 8, 2023 May 22, 2023 June 12, 2023 June 26, 2023

Documents and Exhibits

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes – March 13, 2023 Meeting

Handout 1: Agenda, March 13, 2023

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes February 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski