

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, May 10, 2021**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

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

Infrastructure & Energy Committee members NOT present: None

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

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

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the May 10, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:04 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 April 26, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting as written. 2nd by Derek Vannier five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried. The motion passed with 5 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

New Business:

Derek Vannier has resigned as a member of the Infrastructure and energy Committee. Derek agrees to stay on until his term ends June 30, 2021. I just said I wasn't going to react.

Old Business:

Peter Doyle is gathering energy sustainability and climate change job descriptions to show why we need an energy coordinator position within the Town of Barnstable. We would like to present to the town council either through our town council liaison or at one of their chat moments there before we get going.

The Cape Cod Commission has posted a draft Climate Action Plan, they put out a call for people to read the plan and provide the feedback. So if you go on the Cape Cod commission site you can find the Climate Action Plan. It's for Cape Cod. But it would be nice, as a framework for hiring someone saying, here's the work we need to do, and it's sort of outlined and became Climate Change plan.

We can put together an emergency climate action proposal outlining a sustainability position. The town could use the rationale before their Select Board or town council or town meeting. That would make it more cohesive and more likely that it would happen.

John Solomon's recycling subcommittee report

John Solomon tells the committee He is encouraged since the conversation with Dan Santos that it sounds like he's interested in working with us. We now have the contract with our waste

disposal company, I haven't read it yet but I will read it. That may shed some light on things. John would like to have a recycling committee meeting a week from today. The task is to come up with one or more slides to post at the at the transfer station and develop a draft flyer. John Solomon explains the issue of moving the shed is a bigger challenge than expected. So that that's something that we'll have to think about how we deal with pest control, we do that. The other, the other thing I came up with I think Peter, you sent me information about Grant availability. One of the things our subcommittee could work on would be applying for a grant funds.

Peter Doyle suggests recycling committee work on education piece first. Peter Doyle says that just starting that process of figuring out how you put together a proposal is a good thing for us to do if in future we want to do things like make improvements at the transfer station it will require funds.

Next meeting of the recycling subcommittee will be meeting at five o'clock one week from today (Monday May 17, 2021).

Peter Doyle discusses building code versus stretch code. He had heard that the building code was recently updated and that the base code is now more stringent than the stretch code. Peter Doyle has not found verification but thought that was interesting, given that building commissioner was on the stretch code.

Peter Doyle discusses the history of plastic bottle ban and hopes a member will take on as a subcommittee.

Next Meeting:

May 24, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting: June 14, 2021 June 28, 2021 July 12, 2021 July 26, 2021

Adjourn

Rob Wilson motioned to adjourn the May 10, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee Meeting at 5:35PM. Dr. Canniff seconds the motion. The motion passed with 5 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, May 10, 2021

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes April 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski