

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, July 11, 2022**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair, Jane Ward, Vice Chair, John Solomon,

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:

Kathryn Hautanen, Clay Schofield, Rob Wilson

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr, Councilor, Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle, Chair stated at the July 11, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) we don't have a quorum. So I won't call the meeting to order. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes postponed to future meeting.

Old Business

John Solomon reports that food waste composting is moving forward. No real developments since the last meeting but we've got our flyer or rack card designed by Paula Hersey, Digital Content Manager for Public Education & Government has done a tremendous job in helping with the design, very happy with the finished products. We're going to print. Committee has secured compostable bin liners for distribution. Not sure if they arrived yet. Tracy Regazio, Solid Waste Division Supervisor seems comfortable that he can get more as needed. There is significant amount of money from the recycling grant money. Haven't really spent that much of it. Decided not to buy the larger outdoor bin. Plan is to use recycling funds to pay for hauling the food waste away. The concern is that it costs more to haul away the food waste than the regular trash. But we have money to make up that difference. At this point. We are staying with Watts Family Farm to do the pickup. Tracy Regazio informed them that they have to come regularly such as once a week. And if they can't do that or don't do that may switch to Black Earth for pick up.

Peter Doyle suggests it might be interesting to see if Infrastructure and Energy Committee could sponsor a Black Earth Compost collecting food scraps from Main Street Hyannis, Restaurants.

Jane Ward spoke to Nathan Herschler, the new owner of Bread & Roses bookshop & café in Hyannis, he's expressed an interest we're going to hold an event there the end of August and he's apparently interested in doing food waste composting on site maybe with one of those self-contained units like they had at the Barnstable High School and getting some of the other restaurants in the area to join the program.

John Solomon is watching to see Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be doing in the fall. It is hoped that they'd be fairly active in terms of promoting and enforcing. If they're not then it may be appropriate for Infrastructure and Energy Committee to take steps in our town to see that that this does in fact happen.

Peter Doyle offered to send Kari Parcell, M.P.A.. Solid Waste and Recycling "Expert" for MassDEP & Barnstable County an email. Maybe we ought to write a letter to the Main Street business association letting them know we reached out to the Black Earth Compost and really trying to generate interest there. Cynthia Cole has worked with that group quite a bit. Cynthia thinks better timing would be November. Businesses are gearing up for the summer and trying to recover from the last two years. John Solomon is going to try to look for some dates that we could go visit Martha's Vineyard to view the 45' in-vessel composter at Island Grown Initiative's compost operation. It weighs 13 tons, and can transform food waste into nutrient-rich compost three times faster than the average home compost pile. Eunice told us a year or so ago that part of her job description was to be an educator for other towns not just to get their own group going.

Peter Doyle asks members if they are interested in having someone from the Cape Cod Commission, their complete streets person. That's something that could be bundled with the, you Vineyard Wind Project and the sewer project. They will be repaving the roads and before you repave is the time to plan for how can you make the roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists as well as motorists. Complete Streets is not just for alternative transportation. The goal is to make the traffic safer for everybody, including drivers in vehicles. That's another funding source. It's federal money. I think that comes through the state and so you know, it's make the community better, healthier, safer.

The Green Communities in hindsight there should have been as a separate meeting where somebody from the state Green Communities could presents the material on and the experiences and the people on the Cape that have benefited from such as Mashpee. They could talk about getting a million dollars over several years.

Peter Doyle points out that the pollinator pathway tour in Hyannis is part of this hydrangea Garden Festival that's going on starting Friday. Somebody is giving tours of the pollinator pathway in Hyannis as part of this garden. 70 Gardens are open for visitors on the Cape different days.

Peter Doyle closes the July 11, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 5:58

Next Meeting: August 22, 2022 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting: September 12, 2022 October 24, 2022 November 14, 2022, November 28, 2022, December 12, 2022

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, July 11, 2022

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes June 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski