



Town of Barnstable Infrastructure and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:00PM

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Meeting ID: 811 8577 9775

Passcode: 568500

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members Present: (On Zoom)

Barry Sheingold, Chair; Jane Ward; John Solomon; Rob Wilson; Ron Ruggiero

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members Absent:

Chris Gloninger; Gordon Starr (Town Council Liaison)

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Chris Gadd, Communications Assistant, Barnstable DPW; Kristin Terkelsen, Town Council

Agenda:

Call to Order

Chair Barry Sheingold called the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee to order at 5:08 PM.

Approval of February 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Barry Sheingold opens the meeting with a discussion of the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes. While Sheingold felt the minutes were sufficient, voting has been deferred to the next meeting (March 24, 2025), due to additional Committee members not yet having the chance to

review.

Old Business

a) Green Communities

Town Council Workshop

Chair Barry Sheingold opens the Green Communities discussion with an update on planning efforts for the upcoming Town Council workshop, scheduled for next week (Thursday, March 20, 2025). There are about half a dozen speakers planning to participate in the workshop; Sheingold had made a request for all presenters to provide draft presentation content by noon today (March 10, 2025). Sheingold reviews which presentations he has received thus far which includes both DOER speakers; Sean Hogan, Barnstable Sustainability Manager; and Chris Mazzola, HERS rater. Sheingold notes he is awaiting presentations from Committee members Chris Gloninger and Jane Ward, both of which are in progress.

This week will focus on fine tuning the collective presentations and ensuring the content sticks to the allotted time limit of approximately 5 minutes per presenter. Sheingold also aims to have a solid understanding of what more needs to be done, aside from Stretch Code adoption, to prepare for the Green Community application process; he wants not only to understand the tasks still at hand but the time and commitment those items will take. Overall, Sheingold feels there is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done ahead of the workshop.

Jane Ward adds that she has spoken to a couple different groups that she is involved in and shared the upcoming Town Council workshop and the issue(s) to be discussed. Ward is encouraging people to talk to their Town Councilors and share their opinions; she feels there is a fair amount of interest from the community.

b) Food Waste

John Solomon provides an update on the recent Military-Civilian Community Council hosted on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, which discussed the initiative for a joint food composting facility at the Joint Base Cape Cod. What Solomon felt was very eye-opening is that this program has generally been focused on efforts amongst “the 4 Upper Cape Towns” including Sandwich, Bourne, Falmouth and Mashpee – Barnstable could possibly be included in the planning process but wasn’t initially mentioned as a collaborator. Solomon would like to position Barnstable to be involved and discuss next steps for engaging with the Department of Public Works and Transfer Station leadership on how best to go about this. Kari Parcell, municipal assistance coordinator for the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Service, provided an update on its work which includes a feasibility report for a composting facility; the report is expected to be released to the public soon.

Overall, Solomon feels that since this is a County-wide initiative, we (Barnstable) shouldn’t be left out, and he feels it would be really helpful if the Town officially stepped forward and acknowledged the need and a desire to be a part of the planning process. Sheingold advises John to pull together a 1–2-page overview/summary of pertinent information, details from the study and opportunities for Barnstable’s involvement, prior to briefing DPW leadership. The Committee continues to discuss the proposed mechanics of the program and how the drop off of food waste is presumed to work in a joint collection scenario.

Solomon also reviews upcoming opportunities for further community education in regard to Transfer Station services, recycling and the food waste program:

- April 5, Home Show, previously hosted a presentation on food waste/composting
- April 10, Whelden Memorial Library, recycling workshop
- Opportunity to provide flyer/information in hard copy and online Transfer Station permit renewal process
- Review signage needs at Transfer Station, both educational/messaging focus as well as physical location signage

c) Climate Change and Climate Science
Chris Gloninger is absent; no relevant updates.

d) Air Quality Monitoring
Jane Ward notes that the focus of her Town Council workshop presentation is to highlight the why behind adopting the Stretch Code – the Stretch Code would help to make our buildings healthier. And it's actually interesting that most other towns on the Cape that have already reported on what they've done with their Green Community money have worked on HVAC upgrades and indoor air quality. Sheingold also notes the ventilation requirements associated with the Stretch Code, to which Ward adds that the point worth making is that tighter buildings are not sicker buildings because of ventilation requirements.

New Business

- a) Additional updates from Committee Chair and Committee Members
- Ron Ruggiero has joined the Cape Cod Technology Council; eager to get more involved, especially in regard to expanding broadband Internet connectivity.
- b) Discuss Agenda for Next Meeting, March 24, 2025
- Likely it will include a recap of the March 20th Town Council workshop.

Assigned Tasks

- Jane Ward – work on presentation
- Chris Gloninger – work on presentation
- Barry Sheingold – review presentations, work through any additional workshop needs
- Kelly Collopy – review signage needs and educational information for food waste program via the Town Transfer Station

Motion to Adjourn

Jane ward makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Solomon seconds, the Committee votes unanimously. The March 10, 2025, meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee is adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM

DRAFT Upcoming Agenda for March 24, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

3. Approval of March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Green Communities
 - i. Workshop Recap and De-brief
 - ii. Relevant Updates and Next Steps
 - b. Food Waste
 - i. Relevant Updates
 - c. Climate Change and Climate Science
 - i. Relevant Updates
 - d. Air Quality Monitoring
 - i. Relevant Updates
5. New Business
 - a. Additional updates from Committee Chair
 - b. Discuss agenda for next meeting, April 14, 2025
 - c. Assigned Tasks
6. Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager, Barnstable Department of Public Works