

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
December 14, 2020**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair, John Boyle, John Solomon, Derek Vannier, Rob Wilson

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison; Lucas McCauley, Barnstable Youth Commission; Jane Ward, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the December 14, 2020 meeting of the Infrastructure & 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:

Approval of minutes for the November 23, 2020 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting was postponed to January 11, 2021.

Old Business:

Peter Doyle updates Green Communities application status: He believes the progress is going on and is on auto pilot. Not much for committee to do until building audits complete and can work on an Energy Reduction Plan (ERP)

Gordon Starr suggests committee invite David Anthony to every other meeting (once per month).

It is suggested that the Committee invite Dave Kanyock, Facilities Manager at Barnstable Public Schools to discuss school buildings, energy audits and energy reduction.

Members talk about issues to pursue in the New Year. Members would like to work on

- Adding statement regarding reduction of greenhouse gasses into the Town Council Strategic Plan
- Recycling in Barnstable
- Electric Vehicle Charging stations in Barnstable
- CWMP subcommittee to offer help where needed

Recycling Committee member John Solomon gives a recycling information update. John has not been able to set up a field trip to Zero Waste Solutions. Complicated by COVID. John still believes the biggest opportunity here is in composting food waste, if IEC could come up with a plan to make compost food waste easily and cleanly and thus desirable.

Jane Ward has volunteered to gather information on TerraCycle a recycling business headquartered in Trenton, New Jersey.

Members discuss bottle deposits and sustainable plastic a plastic material that addresses the needs of consumers without damaging our environment, health, and economy.

Jane Ward tells committee about Community Forklift a nonprofit reuse center for home improvement supplies in the Maryland area. She explains how the company picks up donations

of unwanted and salvaged building materials throughout the metro DC region. Then, they make the building materials available to the public at low cost, and provide vintage materials for restoring old homes. This is much like the Habitat Cape Cod two “ReStore” locations that sell donated furniture, appliances, and building supplies at reasonable prices with proceeds going to help build more affordable homes on Cape Cod. These programs reduce the amount of materials going into the landfills and changing behaviors.

Rob Wilson suggests a weekly article in the Barnstable eWeekly newsletter regarding recycling in Barnstable.

Peter Doyle asks Gordon Starr for information on the development of a Plastic Bottle Ban ordinance.

Members would like to promote more solar in Barnstable, possible private home solar panels. It is suggested to invite Briana Kane, Residential Program Manager, Cape Light Compact to a future meeting to inform members.

Next Meeting:

January 11, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

January 25, 2021, February

Adjourn

Motion moved Derek Vannier to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:05 PM, 2nd by John Boyle; five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, December 14, 2020 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski