

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, January 11, 2021**

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; Matthew P. Levesque, Town Council President; Jane Ward, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant. Sue Hamel, Alex Bowe

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the January 11, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by Derek Vannier to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting with edits. 2nd by John Solomon four members in attendance voted affirmatively, John Boyle abstained, motion carried.

Motion moved by John Boyle to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by John Solomon five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Old Business:

Peter Doyle informs members of the need to nominate and vote officers for the 2021 calendar year. Motion moved by Rob Wilson to nominate Peter Doyle for Chair and John Boyle for vice-chair of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee during the calendar year 2021. John Boyle informs committee he will have a period of time he cannot fulfill duties. Motion is 2nd by John Solomon five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Peter Doyle informs committee Administrator to the Town Council Cynthia A. Lovell has been notified Christopher Peterson has resigned.

Peter Doyle asks members for suggestions moving forward. John Boyle suggests reaching out to Daniels Santos, P.E. Director of Department of Public Works and Elizabeth Jenkins Director of Planning and Development to request a meeting to discuss possible direction for the committee. Peter Doyle will contact Daniel Santos to ask for a meeting to discuss if there is any area that this Committee may be of assistance.

Gordon Starr suggests committee members continue work on other components of Green Community application. Peter Doyle states he is in constant contact with David Anthony, Peer Doyle says David Anthony is fairly far along with vehicle policy and Energy Reduction Plan (ERP) and will report back when finished.

Jane Ward continues interest in Indoor Air Quality. She suggests and education campaign on the subject. John Boyle suggests taking a piece of the CWMP to focus on to make it more manageable. John Boyle suggests climate mitigation as a focus for the committee; Gordon Starr discusses electric vehicle stations and development of a priority list. Peter Doyle suggests the

committee members brainstorm ideas for topics the committee could work on and report at the January 25, 2021 meeting.

Matthew P. Levesque, Town Council President acknowledged the Infrastructure and energy Committee Members work thus far and expressed his appreciation for their involvement. Councilor Levesque says CWMP is paramount topic currently; Town has to get moving on CWMP.

Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) draft sewer ordinance, CFAC'S CWMP Q & A, Cindy send to Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) members

John Solomon suggests IEC look at a Leaf Blower Noise Ordinance. Members agree noise ordinance in place and suggests contacting Planning and Development for details.

Jane Ward speaks about the Massachusetts bottle deposit. Says it is helpful in promoting recycling. Jane Ward explains the Sugar-sweetened beverage (SSB) taxes and the promising policy approach to reduce SSB consumption. Peter Doyle speaks of a group that is championing the expansion of the bottle deposit. Jane Ward has offered to reach out to Madhavi Venkatesan, Sustainable Practices and request an update on the single use Bottle Ban and report back to the committee next meeting. Rob Wilson inquired about the nip bottle ban. Jane Ward thinks that Falmouth may have a nip bottle ban. Rob Wilson will investigate and report back to committee.

John Solomon reports he has successfully booked the Zero waste Facility tour. John will report back to the committee next meeting.

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. Rob Wilson will reach out to Lynne Poyant.

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

Rob Wilson will take over the solar subcommittee. Members would like to promote more solar in Barnstable. Gordon Starr reports to the committee that Barnstable CAN came up with a resolution that was adopted. Gordon Starr will send the committee members a copy of the Town Council Strategic Plan for the upcoming year, Gordon reports that the strategic plan does have climate change verbiage.

Next Meeting:

January 25, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

February 8, 2021, February 22, 2021

Adjourn

Motion moved Derek Vannier to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:19 PM, 2nd by Rob Wilson; five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, January 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski