

Infrastructure & Energy Committee
November 23, 2020

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BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair, Alison Alessi, John Solomon, Rob Wilson, Derek Vannier

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison; David W. Anthony Director Insurance and Asset Coordinator; Jane Ward, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the November 23, 2020 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:01 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 9, 2020 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Rob Wilson four of five members in attendance voted affirmatively, Alison Alessi abstained, motion carried.

Old Business:

David Anthony spoke with Brian Florence regarding status of his draft prescriptive code; He has not made progress due to major project priorities. Members agree to wait for Brian Florence's draft prescriptive code for Town of Barnstable.

David Anthony gives Green Communities application status update: continue to audit Town buildings estimates 2-3 months before complete energy audits and develop the Energy Reduction Plan (ERP).

Committee members continue to discuss getting a stretch code workshop scheduled for Town Council. Members start brainstorming and making a list of stakeholders to invite to the workshop. Members suggest builders, representative from a Green Communities, building commissioners from a Green Community and a HERs raters. Members agree to include Lisa Sullivan · Southeast Regional Coordinator, Green Communities Program at Commonwealth of MA, Department of Energy Resources.

Committee members discuss completion of Town building energy audits and working with Margaret Song, Commercial and Industrial Program Manager at Cape Light Compact to develop an Energy Reduction Plan (ERP).

Members discuss indoor air quality and how it relates to energy efficient buildings. Jane Ward will speak with David Anthony to suggest clean air retrofits when developing ERP.

Recycling Committee member John Solomon gives a recycling information update. John Solomon suggests food waste may be an area IEC members could be of assistance. Finding out what the barriers are to recycling food waste and how to overcome them. John Solomon suggests a field trip to Zero Waste Solutions. Peter Doyle is interested in food waste figures that can be extrapolated. If IEC could come up with a plan to compost food waste easily and cleanly may be a project worth pursuing. Members suggest making available containers for food waste collection and or curb side pick-up of food waste.

Members discuss a Taking Care of Cape Cod: My Business Can Compost! Jane Ward will investigate and report back to committee next meeting.

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

Members discuss the Falmouth Town Meeting banning of the sale of alcoholic beverages in containers of 100 milliliters or less, commonly referred to as nips. Members also discuss Bottle Deposit & Can Recycling. Members suggest the five cent deposit may not be incentive enough.

IEC members discuss solar capacity in Barnstable. David Anthony agrees to reach out to Liz Argo, CVEC Executive Director to find out cost for a report.

Rob Wilson attended the Cape Vineyard Wind Project Meeting. Rob Wilson reports that it was mostly about New York; Barnstable is still in the permitting phase and waiting for final environmental impact study which has been delayed due to COVID. Rob Wilson will monitor and report back to IEC.

Rob Wilson informs the committee of The Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) a paved bike and pedestrian trail between the towns of Yarmouth to Wellfleet, with inter-connecting trails throughout. Construction is scheduled to in Barnstable, and the Town of Barnstable is currently examining route options, continuing the trail through the community from Mary Dunn to the Barnstable/Sandwich town line. A public meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2020. Rob Wilson will attend and report back to the IEC.

Next Meeting:

December 14, 2020 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

January 11, 2021, January 25, 2021

Adjourn

Motion moved by John Solomon to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:27 PM, 2nd by Rob Wilson, six members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, November 23, 2020 Meeting

Handout 2: Draft Minutes November 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski