

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, March 9, 2020**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members

Peter Doyle, Chair
John Boyle, Vice Chair
Christopher Peterson

Derek Vannier
Rob Wilson

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BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

Others in Attendance

Gordon Starr, Town Councilor
Britt Beedenbender, Town Councilor
Nate Collins, P.E., Assistant Town Engineer
Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Peter Doyle called the March 9, 2020 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:02 PM. The meeting was held in the DPW Conference Room located at 382 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Approval of Minutes

Peter Doyle asks for motion to approve minutes of February 24, 2020 Meeting. **Motion** moved by Derek Vannier to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting with edits. Rob Wilson 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Business

Peter Doyle shares information from the Cape Cod Home Builders. On average, home buyers are willing to pay an additional \$8,728 upfront on a home in order to save \$1,000 a year in utility bills, according to National Association of Home Builders (NAHB's) recently released study, *What Home Buyers Really Want (2019 Edition)*. The study is based on a survey asking recent and prospective home buyers (people who bought homes in the previous three years or are planning to do so in the next three years) about what they want in a home and community. (See attached)

Members discuss the letter to Town Manager, Mark S. Ells regarding MassEnergyInsight (MEI) release. They were informed that the request has been put on hold until a Green Energy Committee is formed and reviews Town of Barnstable's Green Energy status.

Peter Doyle and John Boyle met with David Anthony, Director of Property and Risk Management for the Town of Barnstable. David Anthony presented an update on Green Communities to the Town Council. Town Council asked the Town Manger to look into the Green Community application for the Town of Barnstable. David Anthony stated that there would be a committee formed to discuss Green Energy. John Boyle suggests that several members of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee be placed on that committee. Committee may be formed once the Building Commissioner findings are reviewed by David Anthony.

Members begin discussion of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee's (IEC) approach to climate change. John Boyle showed the language to be proposed to the Eastham town meeting and after discussion the following language was agreed to as the basis for further discussion:

“The Town of Barnstable adopts as its policy the objective of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions from human activity within and by the Town to zero at the earliest technically and economically feasible time, and directs that all officers and departments of the Town take such measures within the scope of their respective responsibilities and authority as may be necessary and prudent to facilitate such policy and objective.

Additionally, John Boyle proposed the following language that had been presented previously as language to be included in the Town Council Strategic Plan:

Support efforts to respond to climate change (both adaptation and mitigation). Adaptation is defined as the process of adjustment to actual climate and its effects and mitigation is defined as human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases.”

Peter Doyle suggests that John Boyle send the statement to all committee members to review and provide comments at the next IEC meeting.

IEC members discuss the need for an energy/environmental position and decide to develop an advisory letter to Town Council (TC). Peter Doyle states he will develop a draft letter and present it to the committee at the next meeting.

IEC members discuss Cape Light Compact Main Street Initiative. The Compact and its vendor(s) will be visiting businesses on Main Streets in Hyannis and Osterville. They will perform a brief energy assessment and install instant savings measures such as screw-in LED lamps, programmable thermostats, faucet aerators and more, all at no cost. There will also be enhanced incentives available for additional measures that are recommended during these assessments. IEC members like the idea of targeting area businesses.

Peter Doyle discusses delegating issues to specific members. Each member could take on an area of interest to keep the committee informed. Areas of interest could include electric vehicle charging, recycling, Green Communities application, and many more.

Peter Doyle states that the date for Lisa Sullivan’s Green Community presentation to the Town Council is on hold until a committee is formed and gathers data.

Peter Doyle discusses the Municipal Single Use Plastic Bottle Ban. Britt Beedenbender informed members that the Town Council asked the Town Manager to draft a Municipal Single Use Plastic Bottle Ban ordinance for the Town Council to review. It was agreed that the IEC does not need to do any additional work on this at this time.

Old Business

Styrofoam ban put on hold for future discussions.

Board of Health regulations regarding recycling put on hold to a future meeting. Gordon Starr agrees to reach out to Health Division Director, Thomas McKean to get additional information. Discussion of Rob Wilson’s letter to Patrick J. Kelliher, Transfer Station and Recycling Division Supervisor, is postponed to next IEC meeting.

Peter Doyle informs the IEC members of a seminar by Barnstable Climate Action Network (CAN) on March 16, 2020 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at CapeSpace Conference Center located at 100 Independence Drive, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Peter Doyle informs the IEC members of a Climate Change seminar on March 18, 2020 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at the Mid-Cape Conference Center located at 22 Mid Tech Drive, West Yarmouth, MA 02673.

Upcoming Meetings

March 23, 2020

April 13, 2020

April 27, 2020

May 11, 2020

June 8, 2020

Adjourn

Motion moved by Derek Vannier to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:32 PM, 2nd by John Boyle, all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits

Agenda, March 9, 2020 Meeting

Draft Minutes of February 24, 2020 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski

