

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, January 25, 2021**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

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

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison; Jane Ward, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant; Cynthia Cole; Alex Bowe

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the January 25, 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:

Approval of minutes postponed until February 8, 2021.

Old Business:

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 suggests John Boyle reach out to Daniel; Santos to ask if there is an area that this Committee may be of assistance.

The Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) is an off-road paved bike and pedestrian trail currently spanning between the towns of Yarmouth to Wellfleet, with inter-connecting trails throughout. Through regional efforts, construction is scheduled to begin in 2023 to extend the existing trail within Yarmouth to Mary Dunn Road in Barnstable (Phase 3). The Town of Barnstable is currently examining route options to continue the trail through the community from Mary Dunn to the Barnstable/Sandwich town line (Phase 4). Peter Doyle asks members to send comments.

Committee members discuss the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) available for viewing here:

https://www.townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP_Final.asp

Committee member discuss the Youth Commissions CWMP presentation with DPW. Gordon Starr attended and said it was very interesting and the youth commission members asked excellent questions.

Committee members discuss The Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) list of sewer questions and requests a copy be emailed to all members.

Recycling sub-committee officer John Solomon describes the Zero Waste Facility (ZWF) in Rochester. ZWS has been equipped with the latest recycling technologies including many different size screening systems, magnets, systems which remove aluminum and very sophisticated optical sorting systems. These systems are all designed to automatically separate recyclable materials into different categories. This advanced recycling technology improves ability to process a larger percentage of materials which can then be recycled, reused and diverted from disposal.”

Impressive technologically advanced separation equipment available along with approximately 50 employees achieves the highest recycling rates. Recyclables are turned into bales of plastic, glass, aluminum, etc. Bales are sold to end users for recycling. Cynthia Cole suggests inviting Kari Parcell, Municipal Assistance Coordinator, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension to a future IEC meeting. IEC members discuss a recycling education campaign; signage at the Transfer Station and removing food waste from the trash stream. Alex Bowe asks could we get a cost savings amount of composting to publicize and get people interested in composting. Peter Doyle states that 30% of trash collected is organic. Jane Ward will look up story of Martha's Vineyard composting.

Jane Ward tells committee about Cape Cod Technology Council morning summit on how indoor air quality impacts health, specifically transmission of the COVID-19 virus, as well as other health issues. This is a critical topic as businesses work to make their indoor spaces safe for staff and customers, and for homeowners who want to decrease possibility of transmission. Jane will forward link to registration as soon as it becomes available.

Next Meeting:

February 22, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

March 8, 2021, March 22, 2021

Adjourn

Motion moved John Boyle to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:19 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, January 25, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski