

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee  
Minutes, May 9, 2022**

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present:** (On Zoom)

Peter Doyle, Chair; Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Clay Schofield,

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:**

Rob Wilson, Dr. Paul Canniff, Kathryn Hautanen, John Solomon

**Others in Attendance:** (On Zoom)

Gordon Starr Town Councilor, Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant,

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle, Chair called the May 9, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:06 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval minutes postponed to next meeting.

Peter Doyle states we don't have a quorum but have a couple of questions for clay and I'll just kick it off here.

*Recycling* Peter Doyle, Daniel Santos, John Solomon and Cynthia Cole had a meeting last week and went very well. Very cooperative in the idea of getting fliers and signs and that sort of stuff trying to drum up more business for the composting operation at the transfer station that's going along pretty good as it appears that John Solomon is stepping away. I don't know whether he's going to just step right out of the committee or not but going to leave a gap in the recycling committee. Peter Doyle will reach out and see what John Solomon is thinking before the next meeting.

Peter Doyle missed the meeting with Black Earth Compost. Did they sound like they're possibly working with the transfer station to help with pick up? Working with Cynthia and John for several months, it seemed to me that that was one of the issues that the current subcontractor that hauls away the food waste doesn't have much backup, if they have a truck go down or if they have a person out. That stuff sits there and if it sits there too long in the summer. It's a real turnoff. Pickup has been erratic at this point. Administration for the transfer station may want to look into a switch over to Black Earth. Black Earth really needed more than just the transfer station to be profitable. Black Earth would need to pick up some other clients to make.

They take it all the way back up to someplace in the Brockton area. They have like two or three places that they run. Now the Cape Cod Commission is researching central locations to compost throughout the Cape.

*Sustainability Position* Peter Doyle got an email from a woman in Salem that we've been talking to because of common interest in the sustainability position. It sounds like they may have made some headway. They may have gotten some funding at their Selectmen meeting.

Peter Doyle received notice that there would be a webinar Thursday this week. Believe it's open to whoever wants to attend topic is how to be better organized at the community level for sustainability. So it's kind of a how to find the right members of the community.

Well, the point is you have to have the key you have to have some people with some connections and energy and then find the leverage points. And I think it's a little bit different in every community.

*Cape Light Compact* Clay Schofield working on getting an advertisement in the eNews weekly bulletin? Clay Schofield talked to Brianna about a one page flyer that we were trying to get into the bulletin. Peter Doyle wondering how made out with that. Cape Light Compact talked to David Anthony about getting the recommendations they made for municipal buildings and he was going to send Peter Doyle a sample to see if it would be worth our while.

*Electric lawn equipment* Cape Light Compact has incentives for trade in to electric lawn equipment.

Gordon Starr explains plans to build a big box store and more than 200 apartments on the property on Wilkens Lane.

*Bottle Bill* Jane Ward shares information about an article from The Patriot from April 1. It was about the bottle bill. And apparently the current bottle bill which we've been talking about they seek to double the deposit from five cents to ten cents is expected if it gets through, it also puts more responsibility to act on the industry. One of the reasons that there has been a forty year delay in updating the bottle bill (originally passed in 1982) is that industry keeps pushing back. It went through a committee in January so it's moving along but the problem with the current bill is that the package stores or the vendors won't get a handling fee for handling the recycling material. That was apparently available. In a competing bill added fees that the stores could get so maybe they can merge them have a better bill but hopefully that will get through the legislature.

Peter Doyle asks for a Motion to adjourn the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee. John Solomon makes a motion to adjourn the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 5:47 PM, Jane Ward Second. Three members in attendance voted affirmatively.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2022 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting: June 13, 2022, June 27, 2022, July 11, 2022 August 8, 2022 August 22, 2022 September 12, 2022, October 24, 2022, December 12, 2022

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, May 9, 2022

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes April 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski

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