

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes, April 26, 2021**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (Present on Zoom)
Peter Doyle, Chair, John Solomon, Rob Wilson, Dr. Paul Canniff

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members Not Present:
Derek Vannier

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom) Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison; Jane Ward, Citizen;
Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order:

Peter Doyle called the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by John Solomon to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Dr. Paul Canniff four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Old Business:

Peter Doyle has met with Daniel Santos, P.E., and Director of Department of Public Works (DPW). He is receptive to addressing signage issues at Transfer Station. Peter Doyle suggests it may be best for Recycling sub-committee to prepare templates for entire membership to review and approve.

Members ask Peter Doyle if Kari Parcel has in fact left Barnstable County. Something in those minutes says that Kari has moved on and is no longer with Barnstable County. Peter Doyle says No, I misunderstood. She works for the county. A major part of her salary is funded by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). She still was doing what she was doing.

Peter Doyle says he has met with Daniel Santos Friday, he was receptive to what we were trying to propose. So, essentially, assignment for the transfer is to just pass that off to John Solomon and members of the recycle subcommittee to work out the language and how it would look, and where it would be posted. He suggests the subcommittee do the same thing with the language for the flyer or brochure for distribution during sticker sales. PJ said that he would contact watt's family farm and see what their capacity was, so he's going to check on that. Daniel Santos said he would email me the New Bedford Waste contract.

The request to move the food waste collection shed closer to the front of the Transfer station issue was the flies and rats. So moving that closer for visibility might not be a good idea. So that's something that you need to look at. Peter Doyle suggests a food waste collection presentation where you learn animal control, flies, the yuck factor and stuff like that. Cynthia Cole has mentioned that her brother lives in Hamilton a town where food waste collection is successful; she's not on our call tonight. But committee could ask her questions at a future date.

John Solomon tells members, if you're having difficulties with food collection items particularly prone to rotting quickly, you can keep it in the freezer until collection another thing in the winter, you may have problems with the food waste freezing so you need to bring it into your garage overnight. So, there are

some challenges to this. There are some practical things that that people need to work through. But one of our jobs is to come up with the solution to these kinds of problems.

Peter Doyle tells members about Sarah and he didn't know her last name. Sarah made the statement Building code now for Massachusetts is more restrictive than the stretch code. Peter was so startled by that given what's going on with the town of Barnstable. Peter Doyle will look into that and see if can verify information. Peter Doyle also mentions Town of Barnstable doesn't have a solar bylaw. Thursday night at the town council meeting, they're going to be doing a workshop on the financing for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) sewer project.

Peter Doyle asked Cindy Dabkowski to locate a copy of the energy coordinator for the town of Barnstable job description. Peter Doyle collected a bunch of job descriptions from Lisa Sullivan pertaining to Sustainability positions. There are a fair number of towns in Massachusetts that have a sustainability position. Peter tells the committee that our pitch was that the position at the very least pays for itself, sometimes many times over. So yeah, I was going to research that too. Jane Ward tells committee there is a whole Masters in Business Administration and sustainability offered at American University near where we lived in DC. And presumably if they train people to a master's level these people find jobs.

John Solomon states should talk a little bit about our recycling subcommittee; talk a little bit about our plan to move forward, with our next tasks now that met with, with Daniel Santos. I'm going to be out of town a week from today. Normally been meeting Monday, on the off Mondays, I won't be able to meet this Monday. Is there anyone else from that committee? Who's on this call? Cynthia Cole is not here. John Solomon proposes that the recycling subcommittee meet three weeks from today.

Next Meeting:

May 10, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meeting:

May 24, 2021, June 14, 2021, June 28, 2021.

Adjourn

Motion moved by Rob Wilson to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:02 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, April 26, 2021

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes April 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski