

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee  
Minutes, February 14, 2022**

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

Peter Doyle, Chair, Kathryn Hautanen, B. Clay Schofield, John Solomon, Rob Wilson

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:**

Dr. Paul Canniff, Jane Ward, Vice Chair

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

Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle called the February 14, 2022 meeting of the Infrastructure and 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:**

Postpone approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2022, January 24, 2022 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting.

**New Business**

Cape Light Compact submits a report to the Town Council informing on the work that they're doing. They report on technical items such as the amount of kilowatts used in the Town of Barnstable and other technical data. Data is not easy to comprehend.

Peter Doyle informs committee members that the 2022 conflict of interest sign off is due. Confirm all members' status for next meeting

**Old Business**

Peter Doyle continues efforts updating Infrastructure and Energy Committee webpage with helpful information. Committee needs either town staff or department to facilitate getting information onto the webpage. Dan Santos has indicated that he would do that for us. Peter Doyle still is working on his "What can I do" information.

Peter Doyle informs the committee that Director Santos has indicated to us in the past that he would meet with us on some sort of regular schedule. Does the committee want to start meeting with Director Santos with some regularity? Committee could forward to him the sustainability position description, and the native plants initiative, recycling updates. Peter Doyle would send the topics to Daniel Santos, and then who's ever interested would meet with him. The compost and recycling may want a regular meeting with Daniel Santos and P J Kelliher. Peter Doyle would like to get that started and get that in a regular occurrence.

Peter Doyle asks for a vote whether this meeting should be recorded. Peter Doyle will put that off to the next meeting. There are some people in favor of it. Some people are not in favor. Most committee meetings are recorded via zoom and on the town website.

Peter Doyle reminds committee members that the process to share something with the committee is to send it to Chair, Peter Doyle. Peter Doyle will send it to all committee members via Cindy Dabkowski. That is considered transparency.

The Bottle Bill Jane Ward is tracking and reporting to committee. Will request report update next meeting.

The climate change position sustainability position Gordon Starr is tracking and reporting to committee, he's not here tonight. The last update received reported that the town administration is taking it under advisement which is a positive step.

The Green Community is on hold waiting for the dust settle, and then will get back to see what happens next with the electric vehicles and the energy audits done on Town building. The stretch code was shut down.

Recycling subcommittee John Solomon Spoke with Kari Parcell, Municipal Assistance Coordinator last week and got some good news. There is more money available than we then we realized to support program. There are the recycling dividend program funds that the town received this fall. Kari Parcell reports there is another \$5,500 of funds from the prior years, but that's still available to support this initiative. John Solomon reports there are funds to purchase compost bins and compostable liners that we can give to people to get started food waste composting, Recycling flyers and signs to place at the transfer station. May also either purchase or subsidized for individuals to purchase actual home composting units for people to compost in their backyard instead of bringing it to the transfer station. One thing might consider is equipment needed for the yard waste composting. John Solomon remembers the screener machine that does the screening at the Transfer Station needed repair. John Solomon reports everything is moving forward. The thing to do is to put together a proposed budget to present to Daniel Santos at a meeting. Best to be at least that far along before we schedule the meeting.

Chatham's Net Zero ordinance and State of Massachusetts net zero Kathryn Hautanen. Kathryn Hautanen explains was looking into it but couldn't find a net-zero ordinances. All could find was the Chatham Climate Action Network. Wasn't sure that is the same thing. Peter Doyle asks did you go on the Town of Chatham website to see if you can come up with anything. Kathryn Hautanen explains she was all over the web. Chatham has an Energy and Climate Action Committee. They might be the people to check with to figure out what the Chatham's Net Zero ordinance is and what it means. What they're up to. Kathryn Hautanen will email somebody on the committee to gather information for next meeting.

Clay Schofield requests to be on the agenda to talk about renewable fuel. Clay Schofield is wondering if there was any interest in that. Peter Doyle suspects that there is interest in it and asks Clay Schofield if he wanted to chair that subcommittee. Look into it and report back to us. Keep in mind that we are the staff. There is no other staff.

Clay Schofield discusses encouraging Towns to use biofuel for vehicles it would be interesting to see what if the town it's been keeping up with that. Peter Doyle suggests the place to start is to go on the county website research.

Clay Schofield also asks when the committee may get into back into face to face meetings. Peter Doyle explains he is one of those people that prefer the virtual meeting for safety reasons. Peter Doyle will bring it up at the next meeting for vote.

### **Adjourn**

Peter Doyle asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. **Motion** moved Clay Schofield to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:07 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; five members in attendance voted affirmatively.

**Next Meeting:** February 28, 2022      5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

**Upcoming Meeting:**    March 14, 2022                      March 24, 2022

### **Documents and Exhibits**

Handout 1: Agenda, February 14, 2022

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes January 10, 2022 and January 24, 2022

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes – February 14, 2022 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski