

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee
Minutes
March 27, 2023**

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

Rob Wilson, Chair; Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Peter Doyle, Barry Sheingold, John Solomon,

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent: Jane Ward, Kathryn Hautanen

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Jan Raap, Citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant,

Call to Order:

Rob Wilson, Chair called the March 27, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:07 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by John Solomon to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Barry Sheingold, four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Old Business

Rob Wilson informs committee members Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Massachusetts Department of Transportation will host a meeting on the Sagamore Bridge plans starting at six o'clock p.m., if anyone has an interest in how the bridges are going. It certainly impacts us all.

Rob Wilson also informs committee members Wednesday June 22, 2023 Massachusetts Department of Transportation had a meeting on the Bourne Bridge it was focused mainly on traffic flows land side and cape side one of the things they said is "We don't normally go to the public before 25% designed is done. And they said this time around right now they're only at 5%. People were really upset about particularly the bias capacity, or the multi modal or multi use how was going to connect up particularly on the cape side at the Bourne circle.

John Solomon gives an update on food waste recycling. John Solomon did hear from Matthew P. Levesque

Town Council President said that he would like me to come and speak to the council about our waste initiative on April 6, 2023. So that is moving forward. The only other development is I have now gotten myself on the agenda for the next Civic Association, so on to a presentation there as well similar to what Cynthia Cole did at the Barnstable

John Solomon reports that the Association meetings were positive. I mean, they I think I spoke with Carol Zais who is the president of the Cotuit Santuit Civic Association and also with Phil Odenca a member of that group and they were both very supportive. They both think it's a good idea.

Jan Raap was kind enough to take an outline and make it into a very nice PowerPoint presentation. John Solomon wanted to circulate that to the group. John Solomon asks Jan Raap to send PowerPoint presentation to committee members.

Rob Wilson asks committee members to think about the focus for the committee, the mandate for the committee includes infrastructure, sidewalks, playgrounds and beaches and parking lots and stuff like that. And honestly, no one's interested in really doing that. So we want to get our mandate restricted to more energy related topics.

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee charge is so broad, four years ago they put three committees together and one of them included Public Works Committee that looked at infrastructure such as roads and sidewalks. The then town council president would rather have had fewer committees.

One suggestion would be to have the new sustainability director, Shawn Hogan, who works with David Anthony come to a meeting and talk about some of the programs he's working on. He's looking to get grants for electric vehicle charging stations. He's doing some energy efficiency work. Thought is that Infrastructure and Energy Committee could be of assistance.

John Solomon gives update from Recycling Subcommittee. John discusses private haulers and how he would like to see the town divided into areas a single hauler has that area for trash and recycling this will save them money because they don't have to have this truck going all over doing. That's only one truck coming down the street.

Committee members ask would it be possible to require the haulers to provide recycling. And the second question is should the town be organized into routes? Reorganizing routes may be a controversial. One other thing that we should think about if we're going to be considering different recommendations here, is if we are going to suggest that that the Town require haulers to provide recycling options. Would that include food waste, would we say to the haulers that you have to provide food waste collection as well? That would be difficult. But if you're going to do recycling, the benefit of doing food waste is so much greater than other types of recycling. You know, I think it's worth it.

The point requiring somebody to recycle the plastic, food waste, glass recycling is fairly marginal as well understand the political issues, but is there anything as part of trying to deal with this problem? Then we could do something that would help the haulers.

The next meeting is April 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Adjourn

Rob Wilson asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. John Solomon makes motion to adjourn the March 27, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:15 PM, 2nd by Barry Sheingold; four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2023 at 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meetings: May 8, 2023 May 22, 2023 June 12, 2023 June 26, 2023

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, March 27, 2023

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes March 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski