

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee  
Minutes, June 14, 2021**

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

Peter Doyle, Chair, John Solomon, Rob Wilson

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:**

Dr. Paul Canniff, Derek Vannier

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

Jane Ward, citizen; Cynthia Cole, citizen; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle called the June 14, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:08 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes postponed until July 12, 2021.

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle opens the June 14 2021 Infrastructure and energy Committee Meeting at five o'clock. There's not a quorum so the membership can't approve the minutes. Peter Doyle won't be available to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> of June meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, July, 2, 2021. We will cancel the second meeting of the month in July and August.

**Old Business**

Peter Doyle is working on sustainability and climate change position description. I've made some progress and we will need to present to the Town Council.

*Recycling subcommittee:* John Solomon gives a quick recap, sort of the takeaways. So we had black earth come in and meet with us, and they're interested in starting pickups in Barnstable. They had recently expanded into Falmouth, there was a company in Falmouth that closed they picked up their routes which was 120 homes and six commercial establishments. Our target is to identify customers for them. Appeal to them to start picking up in Barnstable. Our basic plan is to reach out to the large commercial establishments and institutions. Jane was going to reach out to schools, and Cynthia was going to see if she could generate any interest through the Hyannis Main Street Association. So we're hoping that with all those efforts we come up with enough commercial customers to get Black Earth interested in coming down here. They're price varies with the volume and Connor, didn't give us an exact price schedule, but he says, It's about \$15. Per 200 gallon tote, may be a little bit less than Watt's Family Farm is charging. Watt's Family Farm is working well at the Transfer Station.

Black Earth can provide compostable bags that can be very helpful for people who are home composting, though they don't decompose that quickly. They're not the easiest thing he said, brown paper bags break down more quickly.

John Solomon reports since our meeting I did have a good email exchange with Tom McKean, contact for the Board of Health, he is okay with us going ahead and trying to set this up with various establishments in town, it didn't sound like the Board of Health really wanted to get involved in the effort and in fairness, they've had a few other things going on the past year. He said he had no problem, if we wanted to do it, he gave me the name of somebody who might be helpful to contact for a list of establishments in Town. I plan to reach out to her this week. I will also try to get a hold of Kari Parcell and see if she has thoughts about it identify potential customers and how to go about recruiting them. The other thing we have going on in our subcommittee to increase the amount that we collect at the at the transfer station, and Cynthia I was wondering, would it be helpful to someone else to work with developing a plan for how we want to go about doing that.

Cynthia spoke with Elizabeth Wurfbain contact for the Main Street Business District; she was really enthusiastic about it. She did say that this is not the time to start this, what they have been through a lot the last year and a half. Suggests start in the fall, and she suggests a write up, which again is something I was planning on doing tomorrow and get it out to all of you for comments. She will include it in her newsletter.

Peter Doyle spoke to Jill Talladay, Executive Director for CARE for the Cape and Islands. CARE for the Cape and Islands got a grant to buy these smoke cigarette receptacles that actually stay intact, and go into the ground, so they don't get moved around and then Capabilities comes and picks up the cigarette. And they send them to some place that makes furniture.

Cynthia Cole tells the committee she was speaking with her son in New Hampshire who owns five restaurants, and has been trying to find a food compost company. After the Black Earth presentation she connected Connor Miller and her son they want to work together. It's a demonstration of how this networking can work. They haven't reached their goal but at least they're talking.

Joint Base Cape Cod is badly in need of positive public relations and greenwashing. Why can't they spare three acres or five acres? Do they really have the requirement and the need for this new machine gun range? Numbers were 2000 People need two hours of training a year needs a \$12 million new shooting range that's going to attract people from around the country. Why can't they continue to go to Vermont and New York and Fort Devan's and just modify their training schedule a little bit so it didn't take a huge chunk out of their training weekend, let them go individually. They've really skirted that very important issue which shouldn't even be talking

about if they can't prove the requirement. They've been deployed to help with the pandemic and other states are doing quite a bit of this training on simulators which the military does all the time for aircraft and ship driving with tank driving their simulators for everything they have, they do drone war so to say that they have to have physical space, that involves cutting down trees on their 70 acres just sounds so big.

Peter Doyle reports on Green Community. Peter Doyle spoke with David Anthony and David is still in pursuit of the energy audit and other issues. I guess the one thing that is out in the works is the president of the Town Council must decide what they want to do about the stretch code because the Board of Building Commissioners for the State rejected Town of Barnstable building commissioner's proposal. I guess that's the next step so I'm just sort of waiting to see what happens. I think we can bring the issue back up and see what they're going to do about stretch code. The other interesting thing is that the Cape Light Compact (CLC) is putting their toe in the water or solar energy. Right now they're mostly weatherization and electrification, to some degree, policies. Do you have a sense that they will do their charge because they do a lot of technical expertise?

**Next Meeting:** June 28, 2021 5:00PM | Department of Public Works | Remote Zoom Meeting

**Upcoming Meeting:** July 12, 2021 July 26, 2021

### **Adjourn**

Peter Doyle, Chair, John Solomon, Rob Wilson agree to adjourn the June 14, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee Meeting at 5:42PM.

### **Documents and Exhibits**

Handout 1: Agenda, June 14, 2021

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes May 24, 2021

Handout 3: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes May 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski