

Infrastructure & Energy Committee
DRAFT Minutes
April 24, 2023

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)
Rob Wilson, Chair; Jane Ward, Vice Chair, Peter Doyle, Barry Sheingold

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent: John Solomon

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)
Gordon Starr, Town Councilor; Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant,

Call to Order:

Rob Wilson, Chair called the April 24, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:37 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion moved by Jane Ward to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2nd by Peter Doyle, four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

New Business

Committee Mandate

Rob Wilson discusses the scope for this committee being too large. Committee is not addressing most of it. Rob Wilson thinks the committee is primarily energy and recycling. John Solomon and some people are working on the food waste. We can keep that as a subcommittee and then work on energy as a group. Committee members discuss and agree scope of committee too large. Majority of members wish to continue to work on recycling, food waste recycle, green community status and other climate action topics.

Climate Action Network meeting discussion

Gordon Starr informs committee members Sean Hogan joined our Asset Management Division of the Town Manager's Office as the Environmental Sustainability Manager on Monday, November 14th. He is currently in the process of familiarizing himself with the Town, researching our renewable energy installations, energy efficiency initiatives. The Town has seven or eight big sized photovoltaic systems. Sean Hogan has been working on electric vehicle charging stations; he has applied for some grants. He's attended Cape Light Compact meeting with David Anthony. Gordon Starr asked him to come in and just give an overview of what he's working on. Members ask Gordon Starr "Did you ask him anything about the green community issue? We applied for a Green Communities designation and in the process; we did energy audits for 50 or 60 buildings in Town. Town has to go back and start that process again. There is some hope in the world about Green Communities.

Jane Ward informs committee members of a meeting that Cindy sent around was about all of the climate action networks focusing on the next iteration of where Green Communities is going. Our town had done everything else except the requirement to have a stretch code for new buildings and commercial buildings that were above a certain size. Town Council decided not to proceed. The vote was to study what the potential benefit would be of being a green community. Barnstable is the only community on the cape that's not we're only one out of about 20, out of 300 in the states that's not and other communities such as Mashpee have gotten \$800,000 worth of state money over the last several years that they've been a green community in order to help them become greener. When you analyze the pros and cons, it's really beneficial to be a green community.

Gordon Starr suggests inviting Transfer Station Supervisor Tracy Regazio to a future meeting to talk about ways the Infrastructure and Energy Committee members could help the Transfer Station.

Town Councilor Paul Cusack is arranging a tour of the Transfer Station at the end of May 2023.

Jane Ward informs committee members May 6, 2023 from 10-1, at the Unitarian Church parking lot. Drive through electronic waste recycling. Technology that is still in decent working order may be wiped clean, restored to factory condition, and then become part of our upcycle stream to further reduce the amount of technology being discarded. List of acceptable items can be found online.

Old Business

Recycling subcommittee report: John Solomon away no update

The next meeting is May 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Adjourn

Rob Wilson asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. Barry Sheingold makes motion to adjourn the April 24, 2023 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:15 PM, 2nd by Jane Ward; four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023 at 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

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

Documents and Exhibits

Handout 1: Agenda, April 24, 2023

Handout 2: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes March 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski