

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee  
Minutes, October 25, 2021**

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

Peter Doyle, Chair, John Solomon, Vice Chair, Dr. Paul Canniff, Jane Ward

**Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members absent:**

Rob Wilson, Clay Schofield

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

Councilor Gordon Starr Town Council Liaison, Councilor Kristine Clark, Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order:**

Peter Doyle called the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:02 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion moved by Dr. Paul Canniff to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Solomon four members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion moved by Dr. Paul Canniff to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Solomon three members in attendance voted affirmatively, Jane Ward abstained. October 4, 2021 minute's approval postponed.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

Peter Doyle is looking for a volunteer to investigate the Somerville Native Planting Ordinance.

Somerville has passed a Native Planting Ordinance that establishes minimum requirements for native plants and trees to be planted in City-owned parks, open spaces, and streets. Jane ward expressed an interest.

**Green Communities**

David Anthony is going to give an update at the next town council meeting in early November

Cynthia Cole developed a composting marketing plan.

Cynthia Cole is working on the survey that we are going to use to enhance our marketing plan. Cynthia Cole will also develop a plan for the group of restaurants on Main Street. We're trying to work through that association to get those mainstream restaurants to start having food waste composted. Infrastructure and Energy Committee can't recommend or give out contact information to Black Earth because not appropriate promote a single business. Looking into the Mass Department of Energy regulation that

requires businesses with one ton or more food waste per week to have it composted. The amount of food waster per week will eventually be reduced to a half ton per week.

Cape Cod Camp auctioning off one of those foods waste cookers that the Barnstable High School uses. Not sure if the group has been able to buy it from them but it would be much less than what they paid for the new one. It is thought the new one at the high school was donated by somebody and it was something like \$20,000. This one was listed on the auction for \$500 as a starting bid.

Peter Doyle continues the quest to make better use of Infrastructure and Energy Committee web page. Other committees have what they call a resources box with links. One of the things that could be done is to create a “What can I do” section, listing what an individual can do to mitigate climate change. Peter Doyle will send out a request for ideas again, Peter Doyle will compile and try to get something up under the resources box on the web page.

#### Green Communities

Gordon Starr reports that David Anthony will give an update to the Town Council in the beginning of November. Update will include status of energy audit, status of submission of an application.

Gordon Starr will speak with Town Manger about a Sustainability Coordinator position. This position could oversee the Green Community Application.

#### **Adjourn**

Peter Doyle asks for a motion to adjourn meeting. **Motion** moved Jane Ward to adjourn the meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:03 PM, 2nd by John Solomon; four members in attendance voted affirmatively.

**Next Meeting:** November 8, 2021 5:00PM | Remote Zoom Meeting

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 22, 2021, December 13, 2021, December 27, 2021

#### **Documents and Exhibits**

Handout 1: Agenda, October 25, 2021

Handout 3: Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes October 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Dabkowski