



# Town of Barnstable Infrastructure and Energy Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date: Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:00PM**

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Meeting ID: 811 8577 9775

Passcode: 568500

### **Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)**

Barry Sheingold, Chair; John Solomon; Chris Gloninger; William Beal; Rob Wilson

### **Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members absent:**

Jane Ward

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

Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager Department of Public Works; Kristin Terkelsen, Town Council; Gordon Starr, Town Council

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### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Call to order**

#### **2. Approval of August 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

#### **3. Old Business**

##### 3 a. Green Communities

##### i. Relevant updates:

- a. DOER proposed changes to Stretch Code regulations; opportunity for Town of

- Barnstable to submit written comments by September 17
- b. Process by which IEC can submit draft comments for review by Town Manager and Building Inspector; meeting planned for September 12
- c. Discussion on draft comments prepared by IEC Chair

3 b. Food Waste

- i. Relevant updates

3 c. Climate Change and Climate Science

- i. Relevant updates

**5. New Business**

5 a. Additional updates from Committee Chair

5 b. Discuss agenda for next meeting, September 23, 2024

**6. Motion to Adjourn**

**Call to Order:**

Barry Sheingold, Chair, called the September 9, 2024, meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:04 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Barry Sheingold, Chair, moves to discuss the August 12, 2024, meeting minutes, no suggested edits. John Solomon moves to accept the minutes, Chris Gloninger seconds. Committee unanimously approves the August 12, 2024, meeting minutes.

**Old Business**

a. Green Communities Designation

Barry Sheingold, Chair, opens the meeting with a summary of the Stretch Code status and recent presentation. Sheingold reminds the Committee that there is a virtual meeting/listening session to discuss proposed updates to the Stretch Code, as well as the Town's role in submitting public comment. Sheingold has drafted comments on behalf of the Town, has a meeting scheduled with Town Manager and Director of Inspection Services this coming Thursday, 9/12/24, and would like to take the opportunity to discuss these draft comments with the Committee this evening.

This is a unique opportunity to suggest changes to the Stretch Code, rather than just adopting or not adopting the Stretch Code as is. DOER had proposed incorporating various comments from the Massachusetts Builders Association, regional building inspectors, etc. Sheingold transitions to review and discuss the draft comments, which specifically boils down to the following proposed stance:

With regard to the specifics of the proposed modifications to the residential stretch code and specialized code applicable to major alterations and large additions, Barnstable supports:

1. Increasing (loosening) the HERS (Home Energy Rating System) performance standards from 52-58 to 65-75 (the standards for Accessory Dwelling Units would remain in the 52-58 range);
2. For large changes to historic buildings, allowing the use of the modified prescriptive compliance path rather than requiring HERS ratings

John Solomon is the first to comment, feels Sheingold did a great job addressing concerns raised by Barnstable Director of Inspectional Services, Brian Florence, and Councilor Kristin Terkelsen. Solomon feels these comments are successful in providing the context and education needed to further develop Stretch Code conversations.

Rob Wilson poses question(s) about the HERS rating and appliances; Sheingold clarifies about energy efficient appliances and their role in the HERS rating and overall compliance with the Stretch Code. Wilson also asks if we need a motion to approve, which leads to Committee stating support for the proposed/draft comments. Sheingold will move forward with presenting these draft comments in Thursday's meeting with the Town Manager and Director of Inspectional Services. Deadline to submit comments on behalf of the Town is 9/17/24; Sheingold will report back on the outcome of this week's meeting and next steps for submission.

b. Food Waste

John Solomon would like to move forward with re-engaging with Tom McKean on the commercial side of food waste; suggests keeping Brian Florence in the loop. Solomon would like to pursue the signage onsite as DPW Communications Manager, Kelly Collopy, preps for maternity leave; Kelly to tackle signage with Solid Waste Division Supervisor, Tracy Regazio.

c. Climate Change and Climate Science

Chris Gloninger starts his Climate Science discussion by providing an overview of meteorological season trends, beginning with overnight lows and daytime highs. Data shows a steady warming trend mid-Cape. This encourages Sheingold to ask about water temperature data; Gloninger to report on water temperature trends at next meeting. Gloninger feels the data points to a warm fall both in regard to air and water temperatures.

**New Business**

a. Additional updates from Committee Chair and Committee Members

- Barry Sheingold, Chair, shares various updates – 3 sets of events – in regard to the offshore wind project(s) that impact the Town of Barnstable.
  - The DOER announced last week that the projects selected for the most recent offshore wind procurement; Massachusetts selected 3 projects (includes Park City Wind Project); Rhode Island selected a portion of one project; Connecticut has not selected any projects at this juncture. Over the next few months, utility contracts will be negotiated and will pursue filing with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The Commonwealth Wind Project was not selected.
  - Update on Executive Session hosted with Town Council which resulted in approved modifications to Host Community Agreement with Park City Wind Project. Legal action/suit has been dismissed. Second legal action/suit brought on by Barnstable Speaks felt this action should be overturned and a vote brought forth in a public setting; judge denied the approval of an injunction.
  - At the 9/5/24 Town Council meeting a workshop was hosted by Town Legal staff to explain how permitting works and what legal rights the Town has throughout this process. There is both a Federal and State-level review and approval process. There are provisions where the state can effectively overrule local decisions. This information was meant to educate the Town Council and Town residents about how these offshore wind projects have evolved and how the State can ultimately propel forward projects that are

seen as in the State's overall best interest.

b. Discuss Next Meeting Agenda

- Next meeting to be held on Monday, September 23, at 5:00PM.
- Continued discussion on Green Community status, food waste update, climate science update (similar agenda to this meeting; including an update on the Town's comments for the Stretch Code)

Rob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting; John Solomon seconds. The Committee voted unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2024, at 5:00PM

DRAFT Upcoming Agenda for September 23, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Approval of September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
  - 3 a. Green Communities
    - i. Relevant updates
  - 3 b. Food Waste
    - i. Relevant updates
  - 3 c. Climate Change and Climate Science
    - i. Relevant updates
4. New Business
  - 4 a. Additional updates from Committee Chair
  - 4 b. Discuss agenda for next meeting, October 7, 2024
5. Motion to Adjourn

**Respectfully submitted by Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager, Barnstable Department of Public Works.**