

## Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC)

### Infrastructure & Energy Committee Minutes for the meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Attendance: Rob Wilson - Chair, Jane Ward - Vice Chair, Peter Doyle, John Solomon, Danielle Beatrice - DPW Operations Administrator

Absent: Gordon Starr, Barry Sheingold

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#### Agenda:

- (1) Call to order
  - (2) Approval of minutes
  - (3) Introduction of team
  - (4) Old Business
    - a. Recycling committee
  - (5) New Business
    - a. Bicycle support
  - (6) Motion to adjourn.
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#### Meeting Minutes

- (1) Rob Wilson, Chair of the (IEC) called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely to avoid group congregation.

- (2) Approval of Minutes: Motion moved by Jane Ward to approve the minutes of the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Infrastructure and Energy Committee meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Doyle, five members in attendance voted affirmatively, motion carried.
- (3) Introduction of team – New Operations Administrator Host Danielle Beatrice
- (4) Old Business
  - a. Recycling committee

In discussing Old Business, the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) discussed the collection of food waste from residents for composting and committee member, John Solomon suggested possible remedies, however the committee is waiting for direction from the Town Council about this matter. The IEC recommended moving food waste to the transfer station; this will be suggested to the Town Council in hopes of approval and to send out information. The committee would appreciate specific action items for Gordon Starr to move to order for Town Council.

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While the cost of composting food waste is higher than trash and recycling costs, there exists a state mandate in which there is state grant money funding to offset costs, and ultimately resulting in a healthier environment. The total life cycle cost of this endeavor reduces methane in the environment and fosters a healthy ecosystem, while affording residents who wish to compost their food, a sustainable way of doing so.

Jane Ward (Vice Chair) describes the need for more clarity and communication and declares to make this a priority for future (IEC) committee goals, and requests that the Town Council clarify the IEC's mission to facilitate positive action on behalf of the residents of the town. To be successful, the IEC requests feedback on their contributions to ensure efforts are put forth in the right direction and are being valued by the Town. Additionally, the IEC proposed that additional volunteers and researchers be considered to facilitate better-informed decision-making.

### (5) New Business

#### a. Bicycle support

In the matter of Bicycle accessibility for the Town of Barnstable, the IEC signifies a request to the DOT for ethical spending on highways and roads, and the need to advocate for safer cycling routes and safer pedestrian infrastructure. Jane believes that the Complete Streets process which the Town of Barnstable adopted in 2022 is the best mechanism to promote these priorities. As the climate crisis continues, the need for more accessible routes will increase for bicyclers as the streets do not accommodate their travel needs to date.

Ultimately, this decision will create complete streets that will be safer for all road users. Doing so would require a re-map of Hyannis Traffic Flow, which will advocate for main streets rather than just the Yarmouth Rail Trail and would make Bearses Way a multi-use access path. Rob Wilson (Chair) attached the ECCCI website ("The Coalition of energy/climate/infrastructure town committee representatives from the Cape and Islands municipalities who share committee goals, initiatives, progress, challenges and best practices.") to discuss the impending stretch plan as the previous stretch code failed. It is the IEC's first priority to officially make the Town of Barnstable a Green Community and wants to re-submit for the Green Community Study; and deciding to move forward with Lisa Sullivan from the Town on this matter. Shawn recommends charger stations to be implemented throughout the town. The committee recommends a single point of control to list the Cape wide impact. Finally, the IEC seeks to submit posted vacancies for the committee and to delegate the process for finding the right fit.

- (6) Meeting Adjourn Rob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Ward to motion to adjourn the October 30th meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee at 6:00 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> all members in attendance voted affirmatively.

### Documents and Exhibits:

- Agenda, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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- Handout(s):
  - o Draft Infrastructure and Energy Committee Minutes October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - o News from Green Communities Division – Submitted to IEC Electronically
  - o Complete Streets Report: [https://www.capecodcommission.org/resource-library/file/?url=/dept/commission/team/tr/Shared%20Documents/TechnicalAssistance/BARNSTABLE/Barnstable%20Complete%20Streets/Report/BCS\\_Report\\_Final\\_WithAppendix.pdf](https://www.capecodcommission.org/resource-library/file/?url=/dept/commission/team/tr/Shared%20Documents/TechnicalAssistance/BARNSTABLE/Barnstable%20Complete%20Streets/Report/BCS_Report_Final_WithAppendix.pdf)
  - o [Energy & Climate Committees of the Cape & Islands \(wordpress.com\)](#)
  - o Reduce, Reuse, Recycle-Palooza! - <https://recyclesmartma.org/>

Next Meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00PM

Upcoming Zoom Meetings: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00PM

Upcoming Agenda for November 13<sup>th</sup>

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
3. Old Business
  - Bicycle infrastructure
  - Transfer station updates
4. New Business
5. Adjourn

Electronic Submission by Danielle Beatrice.