



Town of Barnstable Infrastructure and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:00PM

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Meeting ID: 811 8577 9775

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Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members present: (On Zoom)

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

Infrastructure and Energy Committee Members absent:

Jane Ward; William Beal

Others in Attendance: (On Zoom)

Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager Department of Public Works

Agenda:

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of June 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Old Business**
 - 3 a. Green Communities
 - i. Relevant updates
 - 3 b. Food Waste
 - i. Relevant updates

4. New Business

- 4 a. Climate Change and Climate Science Communications – discussion led by Chris Gloninger
- 4 b. Additional updates from Committee Chair
- 4 c. Discuss agenda for next meeting

5. Motion to Adjourn

Call to Order:

Barry Sheingold, Chair, called the June 25, 2024, meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee was held remotely.

Sheingold opens the meeting by addressing the unfortunate loss of longtime member and advocate, Peter Doyle. Sheingold circulated a draft of a tribute to Peter Doyle that will be made on behalf of the Committee at the next scheduled Town Council meeting, to be hosted on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Barry Sheingold, Chair, moves to discuss the June 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Sheingold requests one edit, (*Page 3 – Green Communities Designation*) with updated text to reflect, “Sheingold will be hosting a call *with a member of the Falmouth Energy Committee*”. John Solomon moves the motion to approve the June 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Committee voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2024, meeting minutes with the requested edit.

Old Business

a. Green Communities Designation

Barry Sheingold, Chair, opens the discussion by sharing updates on recent conversations and meetings he has engaged in. A meeting with Brian Florence, Director of Inspectional Services, is scheduled for 9:00AM on July 11, 2024. Barry Sheingold, Chair, to attend with John Solomon and Jane Ward. At the recommendation of Councilor Gordon Starr, Sheingold also reached out to Rob Brennan, a local real estate developer and member of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative. They spoke briefly and are looking to set up an informal lunch to further discuss the green community approach and Stretch Code.

Additionally, Sheingold has spoken with Scott Muller, of the Falmouth Energy Committee regarding various initiatives the town of Falmouth has pursued or been a part of. Falmouth is already a Green Community and currently are involved in various discussions with the Steamship Authority about electrification of their trucks, buses, and ferries. Also spoke about issues associated with a proposed large solar farm and an offshore wind project proposed to make landfall there, that appears to be changing direction though. There is some internal advocacy between the schools and building department to learn from. A great discussion overall, but not a huge intersection between what the Committee is doing and what Falmouth is focusing on.

Sheingold also has a friend who is involved with Habitat for Humanity on Cape Cod and hopes to leverage this contact to get in touch with the contact for Habitat for Humanity who oversees energy design and projects relevant to the Stretch Code, how they comply with that, etc. Engagement with Barnstable Director of Asset Management, David Anthony, continues as well. Sheingold continues to stay in touch with Anthony regarding the steps forward to pursuing the Green Community Designation and next steps. With that, John Solomon asked about involvement with Lisa Sullivan, the Green Communities Coordinator for the Southeast Region. The Committee via Sheingold still intends

to invite Lisa Sullivan to a future meeting, providing an opportunity for further discussion.

b. Food Waste

Barry Sheingold, Chair, opens the discussion by adding that he will include Food Waste on the agenda for discussion with Director Brian Florence. While the meeting with Director Florence will be focused on the Stretch Code, there is an opportunity to discuss his department's role in commercial entity inspection and adherence to food waste regulations.

Kelly Collopy, DPW Communications Manager, provides a brief update on the status of the larger food waste communications plan; goal is to have a plan to present to the Committee at the July 15th meeting, although balancing other Solid Waste Division projects at the moment. Focus of this initial communications plan would really be to highlight how residents can make an impact by adopting composting practices at home, and how that can directly affect waste at the Transfer Station.

John Solomon adds insight regarding his expert/professional contact (Sean F. Bowen, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources) who may be utilized in food waste communications and content creation.

New Business

a. Climate Change and Climate Science Communications

Discussion is led by Committee member, Chris Gloninger. Gloninger has extensive experience in this field as a climate scientist with a background in meteorology and specifically with his current work with the Woods Hole Group. Chris opens the discussion by sharing trended data sets depicting maximum temperatures on Cape Cod. This information sets the stage for a deeper discussion about climate change and its impact on our community and its residents. This heat can be very problematic for our older population(s) and also speaks to energy usage (use of A/C cooling units, HVAC, splits, etc.). This data also reflects changes in our water temperatures. Gloninger parallels this with the fact that this trend is happening fast, and that should be of concern to the community and its leadership. The local anomaly is quite alarming, and something the Committee should continue to keep an eye on and prepare to advise Town Council and the community on.

a. Additional updates from Committee Chair

- No additional updates to report currently.

b. Discuss Next Meeting Agenda

- Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 5:00PM
- Summary of conversation/meeting with Director Brian Florence regarding Stretch Code and food waste initiatives
- Potential update from discussions with Asset Management Director David Anthony on progress with Green Communities and next steps
- Food waste communications plan updates
- Additional updates from Chris Gloninger regarding climate change and impact on Barnstable

Rob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chris Gloninger seconds. The Committee voted unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 5:29PM.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2024, at 5:00PM

DRAFT Upcoming Agenda for July 15, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Approval of June 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
 - 3 a. Green Communities
 - i. Summary of meeting with Director of Inspectional Services, Brian Florence
 - ii. Relevant updates
 - 3 b. Food Waste
 - i. Initial review of proposed communications plan
 - ii. Relevant updates
 - 3 c. Climate Change and Climate Science
 - i. Relevant updates
4. New Business
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Respectfully submitted by Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager, Barnstable Department of Public Works.