

August 20, 2019

The Plastic Bags and Straws Ad Hoc Committee held a special meeting on this date at Stonington Human Services at 6:00 p.m. Present were Moira Deasy, Thaler Hefel, Erika Lebling, Beth Markowski-Roop, Farrah Garland, Jason Hine, Stacey Wilbur and Don Kluberanz. Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan was not present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Deasy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

Having sent the minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting to the committee prior to this meeting, the committee was able to review. A motion was made by Ms. Markowski-Roop, seconded Mr. Hine, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

(5) Correspondence

Mr. Kluberanz reported that Dale and Judd Rosen had filled out a correspondence form at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival requesting that the ad hoc committee address the Styrofoam containers used at the Chowder Festival. The correspondence will be kept on file for future reference.

Ms. Lebling reported that the committee had been invited to set up a booth at the Westerly-Pawcatuck Downtown Shutdown Live on September 26.

(6) Old Business

Presentation – Ms. Deasy Will Report on the Budget

Ms. Deasy reported that no money had been spent yet.

Discussion- Review the Logo Contest and Outcome

Ms. Markowski-Roop reported that the committee's booth at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival had been well attended, and that the community was generally thankful for the committee's work. Big Y gave away all 500 bags in the first hour of the Festival on Saturday. They also distributed instructions on how to clean reusable bags.

Ms. Garland reported on the final vote tally for the logos, stating that 643 votes were cast at the Festival and an additional 363 votes were cast online, totaling 1026 votes. The artist with the most votes was Kristina Erinakes who designed number 4. Second place was K. Houlihan with logo number 21, and third place was Rosemary Ostfeld with logo number 10.

The committee discussed how to communicate the results. Ms. Garland would draft an announcement to be posted on Facebook. Ms. Lebling would circulate that announcement directly to the artists. The winning artist, Ms. Erinakes, will be invited to the next meeting to receive her prize. The committee is very grateful for the community's participation and support.

Discussion – Discuss the Bag Printing Process

Ms. Markowski-Roop stated she would bring bags to the next meeting for final approval. Ms. Deasy reported that she hopes to have secured sponsorship for the bags at that point.

(7) New Business

Discussion – The Committee Will Discussion Action Items to Complete Before the Next Meeting.

Ms. Markowski-Roop will meet with Suzanne Harley, who will be designing print materials for the ordinance roll out.

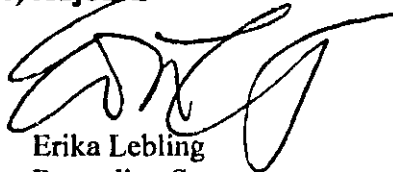
(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Committee

None

(10) Adjourn



Erika Lebling
Recording Secretary