

January 8, 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, Erika Lebling, Jason Hine, Beth Markowski-Roop, and Don Kluberdanz. Thaler Hefel, Farrah Kaeser, Stacey Wilbur, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, press and public were 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) Minutes

Having sent the minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting to the committee prior to this meeting, the committee was able to review. A motion was made by Mr. Hine, seconded by Ms. Markowski-Roop, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

(5) Correspondence

None.

(6) Old Business

Discussion- Review the Answers to the Committee's Questions Regarding the Process of Passing the Ordinance.

The Committee discussed the process by which the ordinance can be passed. This included noting that the ordinance has not yet been put on the Board of Selectman agenda. The group discussed its function and responsibility for getting the ordinance passed.

Ms. Deasy reported that she has a meeting with Stonington High School in which she plans to ask about involving students in the potential 6-month roll out of the ordinance.

Ms. Deasy commented that she will also be in contact with the Mystic Chamber of Commerce to discuss their support of the ordinance.

(7) New Business

Discussion – Create a Timeline for the Continued Duration of the Ad Hoc Committee

The committee discussed the difficulty of creating a timeline if the passing of the ordinance is uncertain. The committee agreed that if the proposed ordinance passed the Board of Selectman, the committee's responsibility would be promoting the proposed ordinance to increase the voter participation. Avenues of promotion were brainstorm and assigned to each committee member; however, it was decided that that the committee could not move forward until after the Board of Selectman had made its decision.

Discussion- Collaboration with Neighboring Towns

The committee discussed the fact that Groton, New London, Waterford, and Newington have all been in contact to find out how best to create similar ordinances of their own.

(8) Comments from the Public

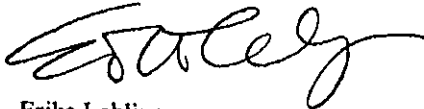
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(9) Comments from the Committee

None

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Erika Lebling
Recording Secretary