

February 19, 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 Thaler Hefel, Erika Lebling, Jason Hine, Beth Markowski-Roop, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Farrah Kaeser, Stacey Wilbur and Don Kluberanz. Moira Deasy, press and public were not present.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Hefel 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 January 8, 2019 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 changes to the Ordinance in preparation for the 2/27/19 Board of Selectman meeting.

The committee discussed the Attorney's three proposed changes to the ordinance: (1) the definition of "single use plastic bags," (2) the enforcement section, (3) the removal of the hardship section.

A motion was made by Mr. Hine, seconded by Ms. Markowski-Roop, and passed unanimously to accept the ordinance with changes.

(7) New Business

Discussion – Discuss potential outcomes of the Board of Selectman meeting, and what the committee can do in response to each.

The committee discussed the rollout process, should the ordinance pass. It was determined that the roll out should be similar to the successes of other towns. This could include a website, bag and logo design contests, and would need a complete outline of the plan.

Ms. Markowski-Roop gave updates on Newport and North Kingstown.

(8) Comments from the Public

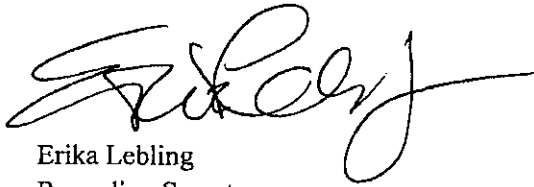
None

(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