

May 14, 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, Farrah Kaeser, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Stacey Wilbur and Don Kluberanz. Moira Deasy and press 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 April 30, 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**

None

**(6) Old Business**

**Discussion – Ms. Deasy and Mr. Hefel Will Report on the Proper Way for the Committee to Handle and Track Finances (possible action item)**

Mr. Hefel circulated a list of pros and cons of Town of Stonington holding the committee's budget vs. a fiscal sponsor, specifically Clean Up Sound and Harbors (CUSH). The committee discussed the benefits of each, but tabled a decision until next meeting when Ms. Deasy returns.

**Presentation – Ms. Hayes-Houlihan, Ms. Markowski-Roop and Mr. Kluberanz Will Present a List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Mr. Hefel and Mr. Kluberanz circulated potential FAQ lists. Mr. Hefel asked the committee to review the lists and come to the next meeting with suggested changes and edits. The committee discussed how the editing responsibilities would be handled, and determined that Ms. Markowski-Roop and Ms. Deasy would create/edit content for the website, while Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Kluberanz would edit the FAQs.

**Presentation – Ms. Deasy Will Report Her Research Findings on Website Capabilities**

This item was tabled until next meeting due to Ms. Deasy's absence.

**Presentation – Mr. Hine and Ms. Wilbur Will Report on Education Initiatives.**

Mr. Hine reported that he had scheduled a visit with Pawcatuck Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for Tuesday, May 21. This class wrote letters to the committee in favor of and opposed to the ordinance prior to the Town vote. Ms. Wilbur will attend the visit with Mr. Hine. They would like to thank the students for taking voicing their opinions and are brainstorming an action for the students to complete during the discussion.

**Presentation – Ms. Markowski-Roop Will Share Reusable Bag Samples and Prices.**

Ms. Markowski-Roop presented 4 types of possible reusable bags and their prices. She reported on how varying numbers of sponsors would affect the cost of the bags, and what quantities would cost sponsors.

**Discussion – Committee Will Discuss Incentives to Offer Businesses That Already Have Green Practices in Place.**

This topic was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

**Discussion – The Committee Will Discuss Timing of Logo Contest.**

The Committee agreed that the logo contest should be sooner rather than later. Ms. Markowski-Roop referenced the outlines of the logo contests in South Kingston and Newport, and will prepare a similar outline for Stonington for the next meeting.

**(7) New Business**

**Discussion – Nomination and Appointment of Treasurer**

This was tabled to the next meeting, so the committee could ensure the proper route to elect a treasurer.

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

The committee reviewed the action items they had discussed over the course of the meeting.

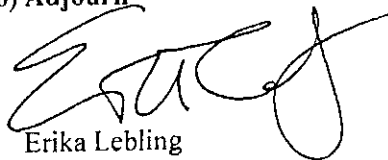
**(8) Comments from the Public**

None

**(9) Comments from the Committee**

None

**(10) Adjourn**



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Recording Secretary