

June 11, 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, Farrah Garland and Don Kluberanz. Jason Hine, Beth Markowski-Roop, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Stacey Wilbur and th press 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 June 4, 2019 meeting to the committee prior to this meeting, the committee was able to review. A motion was made by Mr. Hefel, seconded Ms. Garland and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Old Business

Presentation – Ms. Deasy Will Report on the Budget

Ms. Deasy reported that the Committee is not allowed to use \$500 of the Town's budget for prize money for the logo contest. Instead, it could be used for reusable bag production.

Discussion- The Committee Will Review the Logo Contest Flyer Progress.

Mr. Hefel reported that he was waiting for the designer to produce a first draft of the flyer. He would then circulate the draft to the committee for review.

Discussion – The Committee Will Report Findings on Current Green Practices in Local Businesses.

Mr. Hefel reported he had not been able to visit businesses as he had planned. The committee discussed the sensitivity of this plan, and decided that the community should nominate/report businesses who are already in compliance via the committee's new Facebook page.

Discussion – Committee Members Will Give Updates on Outstanding Action Items.

Ms. Deasy has been in touch with Big Y's Charitable arm, who is interested in becoming involved with the reusable bag initiative. Ms. Deasy will contact them on June 12. The committee discussed the desire for there to be at least one reusable bag per individual in the community.

Ms. Garland reported her progress with securing a name and designing the committee's Facebook page. A motion was made by Ms. Garland, seconded by Mr. Hefel, and passed unanimously to name the Facebook page "Stonington Reuses." Ms. Garland noted that the page will be clear and concise, and that she has plans to secure Instagram handles in case the committee decides to use that platform, too.

The committee reviewed the FAQ list that was circulated at the last meeting. Ms. Deasy asked Ms. Garland and Mr. Kluberanz to circulate this list in electronic format so the committee could edit prior to the next meeting. She also recommended that the list is limited to 15 FAQs.

(7) New Business

Discussion – The Committee Will Discuss a Timeline

Ms. Deasy asked if this topic could be tabled until the next meeting.

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

The committee reviewed the action items that had been discussed at this meeting.

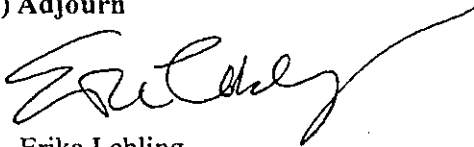
(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Committee

None

(10) Adjourn



Erika Lebling
Recording Secretary