

June 25, 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, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, and Don Kluberanz. One member of the press was present. Moira Deasy, Beth Markowski-Roop, Farrah Garland and Stacey Wilbur were not present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Hefel 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 June 11, 2019 meeting to the committee prior to this meeting, the committee was able to review. A motion was made by Mr. Hine, seconded Ms. Hayes-Houlihan and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

(5) Correspondence

Ms. Lebling reported that she received an email from the Town of Westerly's plastic bag committee asking for possible collaboration ideas. Mr. Hefel said he would follow up.

(6) Old Business

Presentation – Ms. Deasy Will Report on the Budget

Mr. Hefel reported on the budget in Ms. Deasy's absence. The committee has not spent any money yet.

Discussion- The Committee Will Review the Logo Contest Flyer

The committee discussed the PDF of the flyer. A motion was made by Ms. Hayes-Houlihan, seconded by Mr. Hefel and passed unanimously to accept the flyer with a contest deadline of July 31.

Discussion – The Committee Will Discuss Facebook Content

The Committee discussed that the ordinance and the frequently asked questions should be on the Facebook page. There was also a discussion of setting the page so that comments could not be made, with the thinking that this should be an informational page and all questions should be directed to the email address.

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

The Committee discussed action items that had been completed since the last meeting. Many of the members with action items were absent from this meeting, so their updates were pushed to the next meeting.

(7) New Business

Discussion – The Committee Will Discuss a Timeline

The Committee discussed how the Mystic Art Festival could be incorporated into the roll out plan.

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

Mr. Hine commented that he would like to research reusable items that could be given as prizes for contest runners up.

Ms. Lebling will contact Ms. Markowski-Roop to inquire about timeline for bag printing.

Ms. Lebling will contact Ms. Stacey Haskell to confirm the start date of the ordinance.

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Committee

The committee discussed the wording of the section of the ordinance pertaining to straws and “full-service establishments.”

(10) Adjourn



Erika Lebling
Recording Secretary