

October 9, 2018

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, Farrah Kaeser, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Stacey Wilbur and Don Kluberdanz. Thaler Hefel and the press was 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 previous meeting to the committee prior to this meeting, a motion was made by Ms. Markowski-Roop, seconded by Mr. Hine, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

(5) Correspondence

None.

(6) Old Business

Discussion – Discuss the Progress of Assignments

Ms. Markowski-Roop and Mr. Kluberdanz reported on their meetings with Newport, RI, and Middletown, RI. They distributed their reports to the committee members. After hearing both reports, the committee came to the consensus that there was a lot to learn from both towns, but that it favored Newport's methods.

(7) New Business

Presentation –Alternative Products

Ms. Deasy reported that she and Mr. Hefel had interviewed Dunkin' Donuts and McDonalds, to understand the impact to franchise operations. Both said that a plastic bag and straw ban would not impact the individual franchise, because these new procedures would be dealt with at a corporate level.

Ms. Deasy reported that she met with a Tri-Mark representative. Tri-Mark distributes various disposable items used in local restaurants. Ms. Deasy distributed a catalogue of all the items to the group, so the committee could see what options are available.

Discussion – Discuss Incentives and Merit System

This topic was moved to the next meeting's agenda due to time constraints.

(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 7:05 p.m.


Erika Lebling

Recording Secretary