

Meeting Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday June 7th, 2022, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Janice McPhillips/Maria Zade/Katie Gallacher/Mark Engel/Alyson Anderson

1. Water Bottle Ban Bylaw and Planning

Mark has written a draft bylaw that is similar to those existing in other towns in Massachusetts for review by the committee:

Article I.1.A - remove 'and other beverages'

Article I.1.B - It was suggested that the date be changed to July 1st 2023 to give sufficient time for the schools to implement the changes before the start of the Fall 2023 semester. This can be pushed back if necessary. Bill Ramsay (SB) also asked that an exemption be made for Foster School as they are unable to drink the tap water due to issues with lead in the piping.

Article II.2 - change dates to relate to July 1st 2023 start date

Article II.5.A - some towns use the BOH and some use the Town Manager (TM) so this should be changed from 'TM' to 'TM and their designee'.

Article II.5.B - make fines the same as those in the Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw

Article II.5.D - change to 'may be routinely'

Action: Mark to make the above amendments.

Action: Maria to contact our AdCom liaison to see if any further exemptions need to be added.

Alyson moved that we approve the draft bylaw with the above amendments. Maria seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the committee.

Timelines moving forward - July 2022

- **Action: Maria** to send the updated draft bylaw to Bill Ramsay (SB)
- **Action: Janice** to work with Bev Vernon on the presentation to give to various groups in town by end of July (**Action: Maria** to send Janice the contact information for the person who she has spoken to on the Cape who has been through this process)
- **Action: Maria & Mark** to speak to the Town Manager
- **Action: Janice** to speak to Steve Messenger (DPW) to get figures of how much it costs the town to recycle plastic bottles and also how this ban would positively impact the TS with regards to labor/space/money
- **Action: Maria** to follow up with Russ Tierney at Weir River Water System re. Hydration stations

- **Action: Maria** to ask BOH whether there is a list of places in Hingham that currently sell plastic water bottles
- The committee is going to research information that could help us with the community/business outreach by speaking to other towns in Massachusetts who have successfully implemented plastic water bottle bans. The following towns were selected: Nantucket (**Action: Alyson**), Concord, Chatham (**Action: Katie**), Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee (**Action: Janice**), Provincetown, Dennis, Wellfleet (**Action: Maria**)

Groups to contact

The following groups were identified to be contacted by the committee to present information and run question and answer sessions, as well as running more general community outreach. **Action: Janice** to book the meeting room in the library in early October for the public meetings We should be requesting meetings towards the end of August/beginning September with wording such as ' CGH would like to attend one of your meetings to discuss the issue of single use plastic within the town of Hingham'

- HPS Business Manager **Action: Janice & Alyson**
- Downtown Association **Action: Maria & Alyson**
- Weir River Water System **Action: Maria & Katie**
- Linden Ponds **Action: Janice & Maria**
- HSP - **Action: Mark & Katie**
- HHS Green Team **Action: Maria** to follow up with the new Presidents to see whether they will spearhead rolling this out within HHS/HPS

2. Calendar of Monthly Events

On hold as we concentrate on the Plastic Bottle Ban initiative.

3. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

The current State legislation allowing public meetings to be held remotely runs out on 14th July 2022. It is undecided at this time as to whether this legislation will be extended or whether all meetings will need to be held in person after this date. The committee agreed that, if the legislation is extended, we would prefer to continue to hold CGH meetings remotely. **Action: Katie** to find out the process for booking meeting rooms should we need to return to in person meetings for our August meeting.

4. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

No updates.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 7th June 2022 meeting were not able to be approved at this time as they had not been completed. We will vote to approve these minutes at the August meeting

Next meeting: August 8th 2022 at 7pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher