

## Meeting Minutes

### Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Monday, August 8th, 2022, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Janice McPhillips/Maria Zade/Mark Engel/Alyson Anderson/Tony George

Apologies: Katie Gallacher

Meeting began with a welcome to new member – Tony George. Handbook was provided to him along with a committee overview from Maria.

#### 1. Water Bottle Ban Bylaw and Planning

The Committee reviewed a draft of the presentation for socialization of the potential by-law. The formatting is still very rough and there were several questions on areas where further information and research are needed.

The presentation is broken down into three areas:

- i. Economic impacts
- ii. Environmental impacts
- iii. Health impacts

Comments on draft presentation:

- Some concern about getting into a detailed discussion on microplastics and if it is critical to overall presentation. Determined this section would be removed and kept as backup info.
- Keep it simple with numbers and not overwhelm with too many specifics (perhaps have as notes page in case of questions)

#### Public Meeting 10/6

How do we get people to come?

- Public speaker & By-Law Discussion so attracts a greater audience
- Look into options
  - Maria Mitchell (Alyson)
  - Aquarium (Maria)
  - Watershed (Tony)
  - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (Maria)

Editorial Topics for publicity (approved list by committee)

<b>Suggested Date</b>	<b>Suggested Topics</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Social Post</b>
8/1/2022	Editorial about peer community bans	Mark	Janice
9/1/2022	impact of single use plastic at TS	Alyson	Janice
10/1/2022	lifecycle of a plastic bottle	Janice	Janice
11/1/2022	environmental impacts of plastic water bottles	Tony	Janice
12/1/2022	where does bottled water come from?	Maria	Janice
1/1/2023	economic impacts of plastic water bottles	Maria	Janice
2/1/2023	alternatives to plastic packaging	Alyson	Janice
3/1/2023	Water Refill Stations (I like how they incorporated the water stations in with the relation to the plastics ban)	<a href="https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/1371/Water-Stations">https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/1371/Water-Stations</a>	Janice
4/1/2023	Q&A about our bylaw	Mark	Janice

*\*Publishing instructions have been added to the CGH Handbook (pages 7-8)*

Action Items:

There is a need to have the committee continue research to fill in holes in presentation; these areas have been assigned to committee members.

Task	Person
Confirm recycling costs/receipts from Randy	Maria
DPW budget requests and denials (ask Select Board)	Aly
Speaker from New England Aquarium	Maria
Photo Exhibit from Chris N	Maria
Discussions small changes rationale with stores	All (divide list of stores by 5)
Local studies on the presence of microplastics	Hold
Talk to NSRWA and WRWA about impacts on plastics on our watersheds	Tony

Updates will be made to presentation (Maria & Alyson):

- Summary of goal of presentation upfront – introduce concept and why we started with water bottles
- Present as a logical next step after plastic bag ban
  - To continue to receive \$\$ we now need to ban two items
  - If alternative packaging is redeemable; then added benefit to town with money earned (especially for groups getting these funds)
- Add in list of benchmark towns (Hingham at forefront) and coast towns (part of a larger trend) to show list of communities doing bans
- Google folder to be shared (Maria)
  - Will include a list of food vendors with columns for any notes. These will be split between committee for some initial findings about what they sell and the format:
    - Cases (Y/N)
    - Individual Bottles (Y/N)
    - Sold in alternative packaging?
    - Who is responsible?
    - Notes

## 2. Composting Initiative

- Google form created by Janice. Selectboard agreed they would send it to the general announcement list to collect information about interest in a town food scrap recycling program.
- Committee approved the form with updates that were discussed ( title as food scrap recycling program, etc.)

- Committee will ask town to post on FB, CGH webpage, town news flash, light plant insert (with link and QR code), and we will also post to personal social media pages

3. Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hrs in advance

4. Review of Action Items from previous meeting

Committee to update info from towns contacted (most hadn't had time to work on this yet)

5. Approved Minutes from June & July 2022 meeting

Next Meetings:

- 8/31 7:00
- 9/13 7:00
- 9/27 7:00

Respectfully submitted, Alyson Anderson