

RTM Public Health and Safety Committee
February 25, 2019
Darien Town Hall Room 213

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance: Lois Schneider, Shannon Silsby, Penelope Wilson, Jennifer Woodbury, Olive Hauser, Brian Rayhill, Laura Mosher, Sara Parent, Mac Patrick, Mia Handler, Gary Swenson, Colin Kelly, Nina Miller, Holly Giordano

Committee Members Absent: Scott Zimmerman, Sarah Baldwin

PH&S Chair Mac Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the 2/11/19 PH&S meeting.

The committee discussed Resolution 19-2, Consideration and action on the newly negotiated contract between the Town of Darien and the Town Hall Employees' Union, effective July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021.

The committee voted and unanimously approved Resolution 19-2.

The committee had a follow up discussion regarding the plastic bag ordinance, specifically the types of bags that should be covered under the ordinance. The committee reviewed sample bags brought in by Mr. Patrick. The committee agrees that the ordinance should focus on banning thin plastic grocery bags (like the ones handed out at Stop & Shop, Walgreens, and CVS), but with regards to other types of plastic bags believes we should take things more slowly and consider simplifying the ordinance.

The committee also discussed the proposed 10 cent charge for paper bags and whether this charge should be dropped from the ordinance.

The committee took a vote regarding the 10 cent charge. 6 committee members voted in favor of keeping the charge in the ordinance, and 8 committee members voted against the charge.

The question was raised about whether the language in the ordinance can be changed to state that businesses are allowed to charge for bags, instead of mandating the charge.

Mac Patrick adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Woodbury.