

RTM Public Health and Safety Committee
March 18, 2019
Darien Town Hall Room 119
Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Colin Kelly, Lois Schneider, Nina Miller, Holly Giordano, Scott Zimmerman, Olive Hauser, Brian Rayhill, Laura Mosher, Mac Patrick, Gary Swenson

Committee Members Absent: Sarah Baldwin, Penelope Wilson, Jennifer Woodbury, Sara Parent, Mia Handler, Shannon Silsby

Guests in Attendance: Monica McNally, Public Works Chair
Frank Kemp, TGS&A Chair

PH&S Chair Mac Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the 2/25/19 PH&S meeting.

The committee discussed draft 2.4 of the Ordinance for the Management of Plastic and Paper Checkout Bags in Darien. The primary difference of this draft from previous versions pertains to the Exemptions section for small business establishments. A small business in this context is one that has a single location of less than 10,000 square feet. Under this Ordinance, they are to be permanently exempt from charging the 10-cent fee to their customers and may continue to use paper and plastic checkout bags through December 31, 2020. Beginning January 1, 2021 these same small businesses will be required to provide recycled paper checkout bags to all customers.

The committee had a discussion regarding the 12 mil thick acceptable bags and the 10-cent Environmental Charge for paper bags.

There will be a Public Hearing on this Ordinance next Wednesday
March 27.

The PH&S Committee voted all in favor of moving along this
ordinance to Public Works and TGS&A committees.

The PH&S Committee also took a vote on draft 2.4. 6 committee
members voted in favor, 2 abstained, 1 voted against the Ordinance
as it appears today.

Mac Patrick adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mosher