

RTM Public Works Committee
Special Meeting
February 7, 2019
Darien Town Hall Room 119

Committee Members Present:

Chairman Monica McNally, Frank Adelman, Patrick Keane, David Bayne, Elizabeth Bacon, Rolf Obin, Terry Duffy, Lindsay Kelly, Arpita Muchhal

Meeting Called to Order 7:30 pm

Discussion on Public Hearing-

Approximately 110-120 people attended. 30 people spoke- 25 in favor of proposed ordinance banning single use plastic bags, 4 opposed and 1 ambivalent.

Discussion on differences between 2.25mil or less bag- up to a 12mil in thickness bag

Discussion on letters that are being sent in to darienrtm@darienct.gov. Address will continue to monitor and upload to the Town website letters that arrive by 3/1/19. 36 letters received to date- 25 individuals and 4 organizations in favor, 3 individuals, 3 businesses and 1 organization not in favor.

Discussion by each committee member on bag thickness, 10 cent charge, sunset clause , escalation of paper bag charge and effective start date.

Committee Members are in favor of 10 cent charge, 12mil thickness, no escalation in paper bag charge, no sunset of ordinance. Discussion on effective start date led to request of minimum 6 month start date from RTM approval with a 30 grace period-OR- January 1, 2019 whichever is later.

Discussion on enforcement and citation writing,

Members are to send to Chairman their thoughts on what should constitute a store violation.

Motion to adjourn 9:33pm

Respectfully submitted by
Rolf Obin
Monica McNally