

**RTM - Public Hearing Minutes
March 27, 2019
Darien Town Hall Auditorium**

**Draft Ordinance for The Management of Plastic and Paper
Checkout bags In Darien**

Attendees:

RTM Public Works Committee: Chair- Monica McNally, David Bayne, Jim Cameron, Terry Duffy Arpita Muchhal , Patrick Keane, Lindsay Kelly, Rolf Obin.

RTM Public Health and Safety Committee: Vice Chair- Laura Mosher, Olive Hauser, Lois Schneider.

RTM TGS&A Committee: Chair - Frank Kemp

RTM Moderator: Seth Morton

First Selectmen: Jayme Stevenson

The public hearing was called to order by Monica McNally-RTM Public Works Committee chair at 8:08 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was to gather input from residents and business owners from Darien regarding the potential ordinance- The Management of Plastic and Paper Checkout bags In Darien, draft 2.4. The draft can be found on the town website.

In addition to the attendees mentioned above there were 55 town residents and business owners who came to the hearing. Town residents and business owners were given the opportunity to speak for three minutes per speaker. There were a total of 20 comments presented. There was one letter read on behalf of a resident who could not attend by a resident who had spoken already. It was clarified each person would be allowed one opportunity to speak. Anyone wishing to submit their comments could do so by sending an email to darienrtm@darienct.gov

Of the residents and business owners who spoke and provided comments:19 were in favor of the ordinance and 1 against. 13 speakers specifically mentioned the potential 10 cent fee for paper bags and were in favor of the charge. 6 speakers did not mention the 10 charge but they were in favor the ordinance so it is assumed they are in favor of the charge as is it part of the ordinance draft. One was opposed to the draft as a whole so it is assumed they were not in favor of the charge. There were no speakers who brought up the required mil rates for plastic bags.

The ordinance will be discussed and reviewed by the RTM committees mentioned above. Information regarding the proposed ordinance and upcoming meetings will be posted on the town website.

With no other persons' wishing to speak the public hearing was adjourned by chair McNally at 9:02 p.m.

This public hearing was filmed by Channel 79

Submitted by:

Terry Duffy

RTM Public Works Committee
Clerk for the hearing