



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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### RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – January 14, 2020

Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Mike Smith, Charlie Spooner, Mary Vilbon, Abbi Santos, and Kari Parcell. Also in attendance: Jeff Colby, Roby Whitehouse, Jocelyn Raneo, and Christine Legere from the Cape Cod Times.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup> made by Mary Vilbon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Smith, all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes from December 10<sup>th</sup> made by Mary Vilbon 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Ewing, all in favor.

#### **Committee:**

There is still one opening on the committee. A copy of the new committee handbook was sent out for review. Jill would like to step down from Co-Chair and is looking for volunteers.

#### **Polystyrene Bylaw Review:**

The Board of Selectman are not in favor of the counterparts piece of the bylaw and would like the committee to consider removing them. The counterparts are plastic not polystyrene and the BOS feel that it should be separate from the polystyrene ban. Also, seasonal tourism would have an effect on a counterparts ban. The bylaw will not be appearing on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant but on the Fall Warrant. This allows for more time to prepare. The committee is in agreement of the importance of educating the community about alternatives to counterparts. Education will be a key factor in promoting changes. Motion to remove counterparts from proposed bylaw made by Mary Vilbon 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Ewing, all in favor. The Select Board also questioned the wording of who was to enforce the law. Motion to remove “enforced by police officer” and replace with “enforced by any enforcement officer” by Carol Ewing 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Talladay, all in favor. Jill had mentioned that Dennis is looking at a separate straw and plastic stirrer ban.

#### **Survey:**

The survey is now live and Mary Vilbon will get the results to Carol and Jill in a couple of weeks.

#### **Register Article:**

Abbi will write the article about polystyrene and what is coming. The article will include information on polystyrene and the restaurants that are currently using alternatives and how they are implementing change.

#### **Solid Waste Master Plan:**

Kari spoke about the Solid Waste Master Plan. Information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/solid-waste-master-plan#-the-draft-2030-solid-waste-master-plan->

#### **Waste Management:** Roby Whitehouse, Superintendent

The storm debris from the tornado has been removed. There have been some complaints about the leaf area being muddy and they are currently working on a solution. 2020 stickers are available to purchase. They are required by April 1<sup>st</sup> and if purchased online there is a \$5.00 savings.

#### **Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:30am by Charlie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, all in favor.



**Next meeting dates:** February 11, 2020 at 8:30am in Town Hall Room A