SAC Plastic Bag Reduction Subcommittee Meeting

January 16, 2019

Present: Matt Simonson, Kathy Smith, Terri Union, Jena Gibson, Lisa Brayton, Dave Ward, Allison Staton, Doug Spalding, Ginny LeClair, Emily Walton

1. Review sample bylaw
   1. “Reduction” - strategic, also realistic
   2. Go through Town Counsel via Nancy Baker
   3. Goal of Bylaw –
      1. Dave may send a global sentence to add to the end of the goal
      2. Needs to be succinct - the shorter the better
      3. Focus on Dedham
      4. Goal and Rationale are not typically included in the actual bylaw - instead in fact sheet and presentation
   4. Use Regulations
      1. Take out letter (D) re: public information because it’s another ask of businesses
      2. Clarify plastic reusable vs. thin-film plastic bag - need a little more research (Dave and Emily) - thickness?
   5. Enforcement
      1. Reporting process for exemption - public information
      2. Fine - bigger stores may ignore $200 per week
      3. Ask other towns if this happens, and if so where the fines go? (general fund) Could we allocate for litter pick up?
      4. Find out who would enforce this and get their input
      5. Petsmart/Petco selling plastic bags
2. Relevant boards/groups:
   1. Figure out enforcement officer
   2. Board of Health, Select Board, Planning Board, Dedham Square Circle, Oakdale Square Alliance, Legacy Place, Council on Aging, Dedham TV, Fairbanks House (Leslie Griesmer), Endicott Estate (Erin Perron), Dedham Farmer’s Market
3. Develop presentation(s) to give / 1 page info sheet
   1. Talking points + places to refer people
   2. Assign to someone to complete before next meeting
   3. Need sources before using info
   4. Specific to how it affects our lives
   5. Kathy, Terri open to trying 1 page info sheet
   6. Emily, Chuck to work on presentation
4. Need follow-up:
   1. Do big stores in other towns opt to pay fine instead of complying?
   2. Is our Code Enforcement Officer on board?
   3. Animal waste bags