

**Pembroke Board of Health
Plastic Bag Ban Subcommittee**

06 September 2018 @ Veterans' Hall / Town Hall

Attendees

Gordon Martin, Chairman
Rob Adams, Clerk
Gary Fine, Board of Health Member
(Two Vacancies)

Topics & Discussion

Mission Statement

GFine delegated the creation of a Mission Statement (MS) to members present for next meeting
GMartin wanted a MS to include a "well thought out 'Bag Ban Law'" that includes
RAdams suggests a MS would include input from business community
GFine "not sure what the mission of our committee would be" contingent upon Article passage, or not
GFine asks whether we are going to be subject matter experts, whether we would provide Board of Health subcommittee's findings
GMartin wants to formulate a first draft during the next meeting
RAdams notes Open Meeting Law and requirement for zero deliberation between members prior to next meeting
GFine discusses Open Meeting Law requirements

Contact Details

GFine requests that each member forward their full contact information to him via email

Election of Chair & Clerk

GMartin volunteered to be Clerk
GFine motioned to elect GMartin Chair
 RAdams seconded motion
 All voted in favour of motion
GFine motioned to elect RAdams Clerk
 GMartin seconded motion
 All voted in favour of motion
GFine offered to tutorial each in their respective capacities
GMartin discussed September surgery and possible elongated absence
RAdams noted phone-in presence to meetings possible

Citizen Petition (CP) Discussion

GFine noted that of the last nine CP's all nine passed

Perhaps should the CP pass the subcommittee may be dissolved
GFine noted Sabrina Chilcott facilitated redaction of CP
Otherwise a replication of Marshfield's ByLaw banning Plastic Bags
GMartin noted that the CP was unlikely to be well suited to Pembroke, but that it might be
GMartin stated that he is personally for a plastic bag ban in Pembroke
GFine stated that he is unlikely to be a supporter
RAdams would like to examine the CP and see if an amendment(s) might make it palatable to voters
GMartin thinks there is a high-risk this ill-suited CP not pass at Town Meeting
"Is this bylaw better than no by-law? I don't know."
GFine noted that any plastic bag ban would affect the "each and every citizen" of Pembroke
"I have some great reservations. I will not be voting for it."
GFine disagrees with the position of seeking to amend the CP
GMartin stated he is not prepared whether to say this CP is better than no by-law, or not
"Our opinion is crucial on this CP."
GMartin discusses his experiences in Wellesley's passage of a Plastic Bag Ban bylaw
GMartins has strong reservations about seeking to amend CP
May confuse voters too much, and cause CP's defeat
GFine & RAdams assess support of Selectmen
GFine counts 4 in support 1 in opposition
RAdams counts 3 in support and 2 in opposition

GMartin Raises Reservations Being Chair

GMartin unsure as to his ability post-op whether he will be to function adequately as chair
GMartin motions that RAdams be chair
RAdams notes that GMartin should remain chair
Given his past experiences
Notes that Clerk becomes chair in their absence
GFine notes that GMartin has the necessary gravitas to best represent subcommittee's effort
RAdams questions GMartins' nature of reservation
GFine notes that the experience is good for GMartin
There is no written rule as to who becomes chair

Return to Discussion of CP

GMartin asks each member whether they support/non-support of CP
RAdams supports the CP, but with amendments
GFine does not support the CP
GMartin is unsure whether he supports the CP
Wants to further evaluate

Next Meeting Date Discussion

Each member raises days of week that not workable
GMartin wants to pick only the next meeting date at the conclusion of the meeting, not recurring

GMartin stated next meeting is Tuesday 11 September 2018 @ 730pm

GFine notes that Meeting Date & Agenda needs publication 48 hours prior due to Open Meeting Law

Vote to Adjourn

GFine motioned to adjourn

GMartin seconded

All voted yea