

R & S meeting; 7:00 PM September 22, 2016

Present; Mike Wilson, Punnie Edgerton, Holly Greene, Marianne Houghwout, Jay Astle, Sarah Brayman, Debbie Atwood

Meeting opened with Mike informing that the agenda is preparing for a workshop this coming Monday with the Town Council.

Punnie reiterated the proposed ordinance which places a 5 cent fee on use of single use plastic bags. Part of the discussion are options involved with particulars of the ordinance; ie; total bans vs fees; paper included or not, etc.

Mike asked how the workshop on Monday would be conducted. Sarah let it be known that no action would be taken, but it would give opportunity for R & S committee to get opinions of TC. R & S could answer any questions during a workshop. A revised ordinance will be jointly crafted at this workshop. The ordinance will be reviewed by the town's legal counsel.

Next steps is a public hearing on the revised ordinance. After that the ordinance would be voted on at the next TC meeting.

Some of the options that have been "tossed around" are:

1. 5 cent fee on plastic and 5 cent fee on paper (this is the preferred action for the R&S)
2. Ban plastic bags and put a 5cent fee on paper
3. Ban plastic but take no action on paper

Next R & S meeting will be October 27, 7PM at Town Hall. There will be a combined November and December Dec. 8th, at Town Hall, 7PM