

Town of Yarmouth

Per M.G.L.: All town and school boards, committees, commissions, and authorities shall post a notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Notice shall contain a listing of topics/agenda that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

Notice of Meetings

Name of committee, board, etc:	RASWAC Committee
Date of Meeting:	April 9, 2019
Time:	8:30 AM
Place:	Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Agenda (Topics to be discussed):

1. Introduction of Members and Guests (8:30-8:35)
2. Approval of minutes--March 19, 2019 (8:35-8:40)
3. Update on Plastic Bottle Ban (8:40-8:55)
4. Polystyrene ban--update and discussion of school involvement (8:55-9:15)
5. Increasing RDP points--how can the Committee help (9:15-9:30)
6. May Register article (9:30-9:40)
7. Old/New business (9:40-9:50)
8. Adjournment

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Minutes of Meeting – March 19, 2019
Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce: 8:00am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Mary Vilbon and Abbi Santos. Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Laura Hayden and Mike Smith.

Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting were approved. Abbi made the motion and Mary 2nd the motion, all approved. February 12, 2019 minutes were approved with two small amendments. Mary motioned with the amendments, Carol 2nd and all approved.

Plastic bottle reduction plan

Petitioners approached this committee and would like RASWAC's support of a statement of policy proposal to ban plastic bottles in Municipalities. The group has approached the Town of Wellfleet and has Wellfleet's Board of Selectman's approval. The municipality will not buy or distribute any plastic bottles containing water or any other beverage. A copy of the proposal used in Wellfleet is attached to these minutes. The group is going before the Yarmouth Board of Selectman on April 26 and would like RASWAC's support before the meeting.

The RASWAC committee discussed the proposed policy and has a few concerns and questions. Does this include summer programs? The concessions were exclude from this policy. The Town distributes water bottles to children at Flax Pond for summer programs. The Town also distributes water bottles during annual cleanup day and at road races. The Town of Yarmouth does not have the infrastructure set up to refill water containers. We have to have a way to get water to people. The Chamber has some reusable bottles but where do we fill them up? Every child would need a refillable water bottle. Water filling stations need to be part of the solution. This committee feels it is too early for this policy. RASWAC would like to see alternatives in place. The group that approached the committee needs to research current use and possible alternatives to plastic bottles. What is the cost associated with this proposal? How will it be funded? Mary motioned that Jill will draft a letter to the Board of Selectman and Carol 2nd, all approved a letter similar to this; we support the overall premise of the draft article, but feel the Town of Yarmouth needs to research the impact on Town programing and activities. RASWAC believes it is in the best interest for the Town of Yarmouth to see the petitioner research alternatives in place and explain the time line for the infrastructure and the funding source.

Register Article

There was an article in the NY Times "Stop Plastic at its source" about recycling and the changes and challenges we face. Carol will write a draft article based on the NY Times article. Abbi will proof the article and add any input if needed. The article deadline is March 29 for publication on April 4th.

Next meeting dates:

April 9, 2019 at 8:30am in Town Hall Room A

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.