

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment co-posted with the
Committee of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

September 12, 2016 at 11:06 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: C. Lovehy

SUBJECT(S)

#234 – Discuss the Memorandum of Understanding submitted by the SSU Students relative to Clean Energy (CO-POSTED)

#398 – Discuss the creation of an Ordinance regarding Plastic Bags and poly styrene food beverage container reduction (OLLA)

C. Dibble – member of MassPIRG (former in college)
Andrew MacNichol & Laurel St Peabody – MassPIRG
Supporting effort for clean energy

C. Eppley – thankful for their efforts.

C. Furey – also former member of MassPIRG @ Salem State
Jeff Cohen, 12 Hancock St. July 21 language
non-binding resolution, but Salem ~~is~~ rest of the world
is already feeling issues. Concern w/ Δ in wording to anticipating

C. Eppley – agrees w/ Jeff Cohen's comments. Put back "anticipating"

Jeff Cohen – so much environmental work being done already
wind turbine ~~is~~ comments not binding

C. Eppley – line-by-line review

Jeff Elie – Energy Mgr for City of Salem – focus: acknowledge
the fact that wind energy study has been done and it
feasible to contribute to clean energy

C. Dibble - issue w/ 25% + Willows / Winter Island

C. Furey - supports deleting "Winter Island"

Jeff Elie - part of procurement ~~process~~ process to be a green community

Jeff Cohen - footprint scheduled to decommission in 2050.

C. Eppley - when to be enacted?

Jeff Cohen - hard to know a date, but goal is what they are looking for. Not to be more binding.

Jeff Elie - budgetary constraints

C. Dibble - MA leading solar panels, and in Salem

Jeff Cohen - MA in top 4 of installation, Salem in top 30. MA is #1 in energy efficiency.

Jeff Elie - city buildings getting solar, will own to benefit school department

[C. Furey motions to approve as amended
2nd by C. Eppley passes 4-0.]

(See ~~2nd~~ other pages)

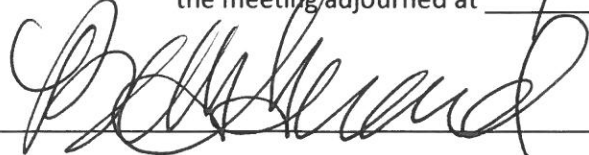
On the motion of C.

Furey

the meeting adjourned at

7:43

P.M.



(Chairperson)

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C. Eppley - how many cities + towns?

to whom was referred

C. Dibble - provided background. 30 currently

V. Caldwell (Asst City Solicitor) provided list.

C. Eppley - sizes of cities + towns great.

V. Caldwell created draft.

~~has considered said matter and would recommend.~~

C. Eppley - interested, timeframe important.

C. Dibble - Tori Lako former. Salem Sound Coastwatch intern

Tori Lako 251 Loring Ave Salem - discussed research behind draft ordinance. Numerous problems in Community described plastic requirements.

C. Eppley - as a dog owner, ok to purchase dog refuse items?

Tori: yes; C. Eppley: not police people? Tori: no. Commerce.

Jeff Cohen 12 Hancock St: biggest problem w/ recycling in Salem is plastic bags jamming machine. to support clean energy have to re-think plastic.

Rora Ton that 30 Northey St - sees a lot of abuse of bags. Why not food bags.

Tori: small steps to become completely bagless

C. Eppley - Salem News plastic bags? V. Caldwell: revision to be reviewed. Eppley: enforcement? Caldwell: depends ~~chairman~~

C. Dibble: should go to Health

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Tori: Salem falling behind if we don't do this.

to whom was referred

Reed George 20 Fairmont Rd, Reading representing Crosby's against bag ban. Have recycler take back bags. ^{← Salem only.}
 difference in cost: \$.02 for plastic / \$.12 paper = \$30-\$35K
^{increase in costs.} Customer preference = easier to carry, doesn't ~~disintegrate~~ disintegrate in weather. They push reusable bags. Would love to see it, but not everyone can do that.

C. Eppley - example from experience @ Whole Foods, which provides \$.05 discount w/ each reusable bag.

Reed George: offer for people using reusable bags to choose a donation to local charity.

C. Eppley: lead time if this happens? Reed: Can bring them to other stores. could take about a month to change. Tori brought in reusable bags and gave out @ Crosby's - very successful.

C. Dibble - History of shopping experiences @ Crosby's. Easy to get paper bags, but not the same @ other markets.

Card Hautau. 1 Linden St, Salem Market basket offers boxes. Push should be on cloth bags. ^{FOR THE COMMITTEE} events already in town give them away for free.

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C Eppley: costs of bags? Tori: Salem Sound Coastwatch gave out.

C Eppley: grant to defray costs to local businesses.
flora tonthat: costco boxes. Seen markets overseas & bag
 has considered said matter and would recommend: ^{uses} share programs, instead of plastic recycle bin. C Eppley: Health dept may have issue w/ that. Tori: Healthy Harbors kids had idea of washing bags

Jeff Cohen: cost is relevant. economies of scale. Grew up when there were no plastic bags, so preference is cultural, can be changed. C Eppley: incumbent upon city council to consider shops of all sizes.

V. Caldwell: review of draft ordinance, where fit in our code. Goal is to limit point of sale plastic bags only. Board of Health enforcement.

C. Eppley - Poly-styrene included? C Gerard: no, not in this draft ordinance. C. Eppley: should be looked at

* Stay in committee, Co. posted by C. Dibble. 2nd by Eppley * + distribute copies to whole council.

Passes 4-0

Chairman