

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:	March 19, 2019
Time:	8:00 AM
Place:	Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce at 424 Route 28, West Yarmouth

Agenda (Topics to be discussed):

1. Introduction of Members and Guests
2. Approval of minutes – January 8 and February 12, 2019
3. Discussion of proposed plastic beverage bottle ban
4. Selection of topic and writer of the April Register column
5. Old/New business
6. Adjournment

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Minutes of RASWAC Meeting-February 12, 2019 Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing; Member- Abbi Santos. Also in attendance: Tara Monroe, Roby Whitehouse, Jeff Colby, Kari Parcell and Dennis Maschio, a concerned citizen interested in joining the Committee.

Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes approval of the January 8, 2019 meeting were shelved until the March meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Plastic Bottle Ban: Petitioner guests attended the meeting: Amanda Murphy, Jan Hidely and Molly. They are proposing an entire plastic bottle sales ban for all towns on Cape Cod by each town at town-owned properties. Beaches were the main focus. Water stations were proposed for each Town-owned venue that sells bottles of water. The Cape Plastic Bottle Ban is being promoted to raise awareness of the environmental and human impact of plastic bottle consumption. In order to go before the Board of Selectmen with this proposal and get an Article on the Warrant, Town Council must review the proposed Yarmouth by-law wording.

Polystyrene: Mary Vilbon discussed a survey for businesses/food establishments in order to figure out how many are still using polystyrene and how willing are the businesses to switch to compostable or non-polystyrene at the last RASWAC meeting. Polystyrene is banned in Dennis and Wellfleet. It will be banned in Orleans effective 1-1-2020 and in Provincetown effective 6-1-2019. There have been no reported problems with implementing the bans in Dennis and Wellfleet.

Discussed Topics for Future Register Articles:

1. March: Carol-options to lower cost of recycling at Waste Disposal Area: stickers, coupon book and the cost breakdown.
2. April: Author undetermined: Comingle information blurb-keeping up with current comingled recycling regulations.

Other Business:

Roby's Recycling Update included the cost of comingled recycling going up again and there will be a budget DPW review brought before the Board of Selectmen in the spring of 2019. Recycling information sessions will be presented to the public on select nights and weekends, schedule to be determined.

RASWAC member Deb Stetson will be resigning as a member, but has generously offered to write and/or edit articles for publication in the Register.

Any and all ideas for the Town of Yarmouth website are always welcome.

Next meeting date and location: March 19, 2019 at 8:00am at the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.