

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes of January 9th, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM
2. Roll Call- Members present: Frank Aieta, Mike Camillo, Mike Fox, Deborah Anne Krawiec, Dominic Pane, Jay Slater. Staff present Robert Hillman.

3. Approval of minutes-

Approved with minor changes

5. Public Participation-

Councilor Budrejko spoke on how Big Y is cutting out the use of plastic bags at over 30 store and how some communities have done that as well, Westport and Greenwich.

6. Commissioners response-

Commissioner Slater commented on the need for certain plastic bags for produce and other items

Commissioner Krawiec responded with some alternatives to plastic bags

7. Agenda Items-

Earth Day- Commissioner Fox will speak with Pam Muraca of the BOE on getting school involved. Fox feels the commission needs to get the word out on social media and other outlets. Commissioner Krawiec spoke on the prospect of grant money to help defray costs of advertising and signage. One possibility is to contact KAB. Also she brought up the possibility of an initiative in schools to encourage the students to be litter free and encouragement them to keep Newington clean.


Commissioner Pane mentioned businesses and residents should treat every day like earth day and emphasized businesses need to keep properties clean. Commissioner Krawiec asked what steps could be taken to start an initiative to promote businesses keeping properties clean. One possibility is a letter to all business owners and residences explaining the need to keep Newington clean and litter free.

Appointment to Balf Committee- Commissioner Fox nominated Commissioner Slater which was seconded by Commissioner Pane. The vote was unanimous to appoint Commissioner Slater to the Balf Committee.

8. Adjournment-

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully Submitted



Robert Hillman

Assistant Highway Superintendent

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