

Economic Development Subcommittee

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**Members Present:** Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Andrew Bissanti, Eamon McCarthy Earls

**Members Absent:** None

**Town Staff also in Attendance:** Town Administrator Jamie Hellen

Councilor Hamblen called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Plastic Bag Ban Proposal:**

The Franklin High School students gave a short overview on the differences between the local bylaw and the recent law that passed the state Senate. The main difference was the Franklin proposal includes an additional temporary harm waiver, giving businesses an opportunity to extend the transition period and provide plastic bags at checkout for an additional 3 months once the ban is in effect.

Councilor Jones suggested the possibility of putting a letter of support in front of the Town Council to send to the State House of Representatives. This would be an alternative option to putting a bylaw in front of the Town Council which runs the chance of becoming null and void if the State bill is passed. This suggestion was discussed and the Town Administrator clarified this would be best as a resolution on the legislature supporting passage of a ban.

A **Motion** was made by Councilor Bissanti to move a local bylaw proposal to the Town Council. It was **Seconded** by Councilor Hamblen. VOTE: Hamblen - Yes, Jones - Yes, Bissanti - Yes, McCarthy Earls - No. The motion passes 3-1 to forward it to the full Town Council for consideration.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 PM