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**AGENDA
PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2020/6:00 P.M. - Waterford Town Hall
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. To consider and act upon the June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
6. Consideration and possible action on item referred to committee:
A. Proposed changes to the Waterford Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.08 Concerning the possession and drinking of alcohol beverages in town parks and recreation areas. (RTC 08-03-2020)
7. Adjournment

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Public Health, Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM
Special Meeting
June 10, 2019

The June 10, 2019, Special Meeting of the Public Health, Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM was called to order by Chairperson Michael Rocchetti at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Rocchetti, Paul Goldstein, April Cairns, Mark Olynciw, Baird Welch-Collins Ivy Plis, Jennifer Mullen.

ALSO PRESENT: RTM Member Susan Driscoll.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RTM Member Susan Driscoll noted the hard work of the committee and stated her appreciation.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Olynciw, to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGENDA ITEM 6 : Presentation from American Progressive Bag Alliance.

Chairman Rocchetti informed the committee that the presentation was cancelled by the alliance due to the fact that The State of Connecticut had passed legislation that is expected to be signed into law by the governor taxing single use plastic bags by retailers until June 30, 2021. The law will then ban single use plastic bags meeting particular specifications on July 1, 2021.

Committee members discussed the new legislature and its impact on its charge of "single use plastic bags" and how it may affect the committee's recommendation.

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Welch-Collins, to recommend to the RTM that the item "single use plastic bags (RTC 04-02-18)" be taken out of committee with no action due to the fact that The State of Connecticut passed legislation addressing this issue immediately and ultimately banning "single use plastic bags" July 1, 2021 on a statewide scope.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Cairns, to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Rocchetti
Chairman

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Michael Rocchetti
Chairman



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Dembek, Moderator, Waterford Representative Town Meeting

FROM: Abby Y. Piersall, AICP, Director of Planning and Development

DATE: July 21, 2020

TITLE: Proposed Changes to the Waterford Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.08 Concerning the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages in town parks and recreation areas.

This request is to consider the potential to allow the possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages at recreational facilities during special events approved by the Board of Selectmen. Alcohol is currently prohibited at Town facilities. This change would enable events such as concerts, fundraisers, or festivals to include the sale and consumption of beer or wine. The change would not enable possession of alcohol at school properties or on beaches.

Changing this Ordinance is a key step in reducing restrictions on the range of events that can be held on town properties. The addition of carefully planned service of wine or beer can help broaden participation in Waterford events and draw new attractions to Town. Enabling sanctioned alcohol consumption in public places supports ongoing efforts increase the frequency and diversity of dynamic and vibrant events in Waterford. Events like dinners at the historic Jordan Green, summer concerts at the Waterford Beach Park, or craft beer and wine tasting at the Farmers Market could be permitted if the Ordinance is changed.

As proposed, the change would only allow beer and wine to be available as sanctioned on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 12.08.040 currently reads:

The possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages in any town park and recreational area, including Waterford Beach, is prohibited.

Proposed language for 12.08.040 is:

The possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages in any town park and/or recreational area is prohibited, except as provided below:

- A. Possession and drinking of beer and wine may be permitted at locations and times as approved by the Board of Selectmen. In no case will the possession and drinking of beer and wine be allowed on the sand or dunes of any beach.