

2/8/24 Single Use Plastic Diningware Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: York Library Community Room, 2:30 pm, Informational Session 3:00pm-5:00pm

Attendees:

Maxine Adelson (Committee Member)
Veronica Gould (SUPDOC Applicant)
Taylor Maguire (Town of York Environmental Planner)
Michelle Marean (Committee Member)
Jason Miller (Committee Member)
Caitlynn Ramsey (Committee Member)
Aidan Ring (Committee Member)
Victoria Simon (Student Advisor)
Chloe Whitbread (Committee Member)

Quorum met as 3 members are present

Call to Order: Chloe 1st, Maxine 2nd

Motions

Approval of Minutes from all prior meetings: Chloe 1st, Maxine 2nd, all in favor

Approval of health care facility explanatory language: Chloe 1st, Aidan 2nd, all in favor

Sunset Clause: Chloe motion to arrpove, Maxine 2nd, all in favor

Motion to amend verbiage and definitions in ordinance regarding cups- defined as above 4oz, ordinance includes cups above 4oz. Motion: Jason, 2nd Chloe, all in favor.

Motion to move to close the meeting and go to public feedback. Motion Michelle, all in favor.

Discussion: Public feedback from numerous businesses including Anthonys. Feedback summary: Why are we requiring composting before composting the waste is available to the town? The coffee shops feel targeted as these are items they use most. The costs will rise so the costs to consumers will rise and consumers locally are more price sensitive than tourists and will drive further for a lower price. Condiments should be allowed to be put out in the open so guests don't have to get in line again if forgotten. While this seems like a small change, what's next? Businesses feel constantly squeezed by regulations. Cup design is expensive to redo, if available on compostable items.