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TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

22 Monument Avenue
Swampscott, MA 01907

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, October 25th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Swampscott High School Room B129
Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendees: Wayne Spritz, Kathy Mikk, , Alix Smullin, Emily Westhoven, Mary Ellen Fletcher

The hearing was called to order at approximately 6:05pm

This was a public hearing to discuss the new proposed bylaw to regulate plastic container usage by food establishments in the Town of Swampscott. A short slide presentation was made by the Chair and questions and answers followed.

Members of the public attended both in person and streamed online. A recording can be found here:
<http://tv.swampscottma.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/2827?site=2>

Key feedback points are as follows:

- Does the bylaw affect products sold by ice cream trucks? Does the bylaw curb use of plastic utensils at ice cream shops?
- Concerns were expressed about the beach – changing bins to include compost and more pickups between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- Questions about the materials being prohibited and the availability of conforming containers that meet the needs of the businesses, especially restaurants: stackable, can't leak, can't spill
- What grocery store items are covered?
- Questions about hot cups and other drink containers – need to clarify what is covered and what is not

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15.