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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT MAY 15, 2019

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Chris Eide, Chris Smith, Jordana Bloom, Robert Pickard, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp, Dan Wiedemann, Paul Lundquist, Phil Carroll, Kelley Johnson, Jay Mattegat, Dan Honan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Robert Tait, Deputy Director Economic & Community Development Christal Preszler, Economic & Community Development Fairfield Hills Coordinator Kimberly Chiappetta, Economic Development Commission Chair Wes Thompson, Fairfield Hills Authority Chair Ross Carley, 3 public, 2 press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lundquist called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None.

**MINUTES:** MR. HONAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2019 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. MOTION PASSES. (11-0) (Ms. DeStefano abstained.)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Lundquist summarized communications received regarding the plastic bag ban ordinance. (ATTACHMENT) Mr. Lundquist suggested that Council members refer to the code book and rules of Legislative Council section 355-15.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:** First Selectman Rosenthal thanked Council for bringing up the pension issue, based on conversation with delegation and others, that issue is very much alive, in the appropriations bill, still developing and may end up in the budget bill, hope that the resolution will prevail. (ATTACHMENT)

Natalie Jackson, Human Services Director, started this past week.

FEMA have asked more questions, close to the end, hopes there will be a letter soon. Will have clarity on any additional costs on the Community Center, it may require us to have BOS, BOF, and LC in a special meeting depending on timing and normal transfer process.

There are issues with some of the roads that were chip sealed, assessment is underway and repairs by the vendor at their expense. More information forthcoming at the June meeting.

Mr. Wiedemann asked about progress with the negotiations with the Community Center, First Selectman Rosenthal said there will be more information following a meeting next week.

Ms. DeStefano asked about thoughts around the policy of unspent money going to fund balance and have a future discussion of unspent money possibly go to capital non-recurring instead, seeing a benefit in pursuing this as an option.

First Selectman Rosenthal is open to the conversation, discuss policy issues, and have more discussion. Mr. Lundquist suggested this as a future Legislative Council agenda item, and include policy review by the finance committee.

Mr. Lundquist asked for a review of the chip sealed roads, number of roads, miles, overall assessment, including repairs. First Selectman Rosenthal has the whole list and will share with Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation on Economic & Community Development and Fairfield Hills**

Ms. Prezler, Ms. Chiappetta presented a power point presentation on Economic and Community Development, Fairfield Hills, ongoing and future activities. They were joined by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Carley. Ms. Prezler organized the presentation by budget – Economic & Community Development, Budget Administration, and Fairfield Hills.

(ATTACHMENT)

After the presentation, Ms. Prezler invited discussion. Mr. Smith suggested to promote benefits of open space in Town and include in marketing collateral and social media.

Mr. Honan asked about the new brewery and if there are any plans to improve lighting around Mile Hill South. Ms. Prezler said there are lighting responsibilities additions.

Mr. Lundquist asked for a sense of vacancy rate, Ms. Prezler to provide historical data.

Mr. Lundquist asked about development opportunities at Fairfield Hills and how does presence of existing structures impact or not impact development opportunities. Ms. Prezler said that she has not heard of that being an issue. First Selectman Rosenthal added that he does not agree with tearing down a building first to create an economic development site.

Ms. Bloom mentioned wayfinding signs, and any issues with the borough and signage. Ms. Prezler said most signage was done with Sandy Hook, stepped into the process. The borough has more restrictive signage.

Mr. Knapp asked how much coordination there is with the borough, what is response from business owners, two zoning boards. Mr. Thompson said that there is a lot of interaction, they are tightly aligned with the borough as with Fairfield Hills.

**Proposed Board of Education Election Ordinance**

MR. KNAPP MOVED TO SEND THE PROPOSED BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION ORDINANCE TO

PUBLIC HEARING. SECOND BY MS. DESTEFANO. (ATTACHMENT) Mr. Knapp said that charter chapter 5, section 5, outlines the legislative process for the Town, specifically ordinances, 505B says that prior to any action on an ordinance by the Legislative Council, shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Legislative Council cannot act on the ordinance tonight, could send it back to committee, but typically at this point, move to conduct a public hearing. The public hearing would be June 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. After the public hearing and the legislative process is satisfied, the Legislative Council has 30 days to act on it. Then there is a notification process to submit to the Town Clerk and the adoption period. This ordinance is to resolve an issue that came up at the last election with respect to charter revision and state statutes and how that impacts Board of Ed election situations. Mr. Knapp and Ms. DeStefano acknowledged the breadth of work done by Mr. Eide to reconcile the work with the secretary of state and town attorney to satisfy requirements. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

**Proposed Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance**

MR. KNAPP MOVED TO SEND THE PROPOSED PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE TO PUBLIC HEARING. SECOND

BY MS. DESTEFANO. (ATTACHMENT) Mr. Knapp said this motion will send the ordinance to the public hearing on June 5, 2019. Mr. Eide asked if there is any way to get information out to the public. First Selectman Rosenthal said that information can put up on the Town social media page, Mr. Knapp to send to Ms. Marcinek. Mr. Wiedemann said he would not be supporting it, he agrees with getting rid of plastic bags, but not in favor of charging. Ms. DeStefano noted as a point of order, the motion is to put forward the ordinance to public hearing. Mr. Wiedemann said he preferred to see it go back to committee and come back without a charge. Mr. Lundquist said if it does not pass for public hearing, it could go back to committee. Mr. Smith agrees to send to public hearing, there has been a lot of work done on the ordinance for over a year, it is at a stage to go for public hearing and hear public opinion. Mr. Carroll would like to see it go back to ordinance committee, the Town should not be in the business of charging, akin to tax. It is not a tax it is a fee. First Selectman Rosenthal noted concern of time of public hearing that there may be a late start to the Legislative Council meeting following the public hearing. Ms. DeStefano encouraged clarity and sharing the sharing of information to the public. Ms. Bloom said the fee is most fair for business owners, effort to change consumer behavior. Mr. Knapp added

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that state statute supersedes ordinance, can go further than state statute if necessary. MOTION PASSES. (10-2) (Mr. Wiedemann, Mr. Carroll)

**Town Clerk Salary**

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO INCREASE THE TOWN CLERK'S SALARY BY \$5,000 TO \$81,312 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2019. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. (ATTACHMENT) First Selectman Rosenthal said the Town Clerk has hired the part-time position to replace the full-time position vacated. Mr. Lundquist stated if increasing the Town Clerk's salary, then the workload will pick up for the Town Clerk and not the rest of the staff. First Selectman Rosenthal said the Town Clerk will pick up the slack. MOTION PASSES. (11-0) (Mr. Honan abstained)

**Transfer \$175,000 Public Works – Inter-department except \$3,000 from Registrars** – discussion postponed until next Legislative Council meeting because the Board of Finance was unable to meet.

**Resolution for Special Appropriation** – discussion postponed until next Legislative Council meeting because the Board of Finance was unable to meet.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachments: Communications, Letter to Governor Ned Lamont, Presentation on Economic and Community Development at Fairfield Hills, BOE Elections Ordinance, Newtown Draft Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance, Town Clerk Salary Resolution, PW Transfer Request 4-29-2019, Appropriation Community Center.

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

From: **Sheila Miller via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 3:20 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 3:20pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Sheila Miller

Your e-mail address: [soleary23@gmail.com](mailto:soleary23@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Pan

Message:

To the members of the Newtown Legislative Council:

Thank you for considering the ban on plastic bags as an agenda item this evening. I am writing to voice my support and to encourage you to consider approving the ban of plastic in our town. I have always found Newtown to be innovative and aware of issues facing our community today - please let's be proactive in the ban on plastic, before it is mandated upon us. A small step in the right direction will help make tomorrow a better place for all of us, with Newtown at the helm. I thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

Sheila Miller

54 Charter Ridge Drive - Sandy Hook

From: **Lauren Milholland via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 3:12 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 3:12pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lauren Milholland

Your e-mail address: [milholland.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:milholland.lauren@gmail.com)

Subject: plastic bag ban, charge for paper bags

Message: Please do not introduce a charge for paper bags.

From: **Sean R ONeil via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 4:42 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 4:42pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Sean R ONeil

Your e-mail address: [sdso22@yahoo.com](mailto:sdso22@yahoo.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Please support all efforts to reduce the amount of plastic we are creating and using in Newtown. As a frequent user of plastic bags, I fully support a ban on all plastic bags at grocery stores in this town or adding a fee on paper/plastic bags. We all need to start doing our part to reduce our environmental footprints and live in a more sustainable manner, and ensure that we have a clean environment for our children, their children, and all species.

From: **Lois Barber via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 3:29 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 3:29pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lois Barber

Your e-mail address: [babycontest2010@gmail.com](mailto:babycontest2010@gmail.com)

Subject: bag ban and Newtown businesses

Message:

I'm glad to see the plastic bag ban debate has begun on social media by Russians! LOL First and foremost, I want to remind the LC that they have an obligation to businesses in Newtown to not make them charge for paper bags, unless this becomes a state-wide law. They would put Newtown businesses at a disadvantage.

While the 10 cents might not seem like too much, almost a third of Newtown families are struggling with basic needs.

<https://news.hamlethub.com/newtown/neighbors/44725-new-report-between-25-and-50-of-greater-danbury-households-struggle-to-pay-for-basic-needs?fbclid=IwAR05ab8h4CFWXNe3emNh0mCgixGb8IzJeam9p-cVUOnP-zW0YFo5KL6yAEg>

From: **John Koch via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 3:32 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 3:32pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: John Koch

Your e-mail address: [Johnkoch4@gmail.com](mailto:Johnkoch4@gmail.com)

Subject: NO Plastic Bag Fee

Message:

My household is against an added tax or fee for plastic bags in Newtown. In addition to our taxes already being too high, it seems ridiculous for the town to even be getting involved with something like this. If the town feels the need to do something, my suggestions would be to encourage stores to act as they see fit- rather than dictate how they should conduct their business. Even though it will cost us more in gas, we will gladly drive out of Newtown to spend our money- purely out of principle.

Thanks for remembering the purpose of government in America!

From: **Helen Earnshaw via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 5:49 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 5:49pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Helen Earnshaw

Your e-mail address: [HELENANTONIA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:HELENANTONIA@YAHOO.COM)

Subject: Plastic bags

Message: I'm all for dramatically reducing plastic bags in our town and the world.

From: **Kim Burns via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 7:22 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 7:22pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Kim Burns  
Your e-mail address: [burnskim2@gmail.com](mailto:burnskim2@gmail.com)  
Subject: Bag Ban  
Message: Please ban all grocery store plastic shopping bags. Every little bit helps!

From: **Michelle Greenspan via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 3:50 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 3:50pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Michelle Greenspan  
Your e-mail address: [shelrunner340@gmail.com](mailto:shelrunner340@gmail.com)  
Subject: Plastic bag ban  
Message: I fully support banning the use of plastic bags! Please continue to enforce this ban that MANY local towns have already done. No need to wait for state wide banning, lets be proactive and start now.

From: **Don Lococo via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 5:09 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 5:09pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Don Lococo  
Your e-mail address: [dvlococo@earthlink.net](mailto:dvlococo@earthlink.net)  
Subject: plastic bag ban  
Message: Please pass the plastic bag ban, including the extra charge for paper bags. It is a well thought out bill that will make a difference.

From: **Julie Troy via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 6:14 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 6:14pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Julie Troy  
Your e-mail address: [julie.troy@att.net](mailto:julie.troy@att.net)  
Subject: Plastic bag ban  
Message: I support the town of Newtown's efforts to eliminate plastic bags. Some local stores like Big Y are already taking steps to accomplish that.

Please do not wait for the state to take action. If many towns throughout CT move ahead with local action, the state will be compelled to follow.

From: **Fred Ferris, Jr. via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 6:43 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 6:43pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Fred Ferris, Jr.

Your e-mail address: [rickster12@aol.com](mailto:rickster12@aol.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban proposal

Message: I am fully behind the idea of either charging for plastic bags or preferably banning them. It would cost a citizen a small amount to buy reusable bags rather than further damage to the planet. We need to realize at times we have to compromise for the longer term good.

From: **Dave miller via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 7:13 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 7:13pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Dave miller

Your e-mail address: [millertime2585@yahoo.com](mailto:millertime2585@yahoo.com)

Subject: Re:plastic bags

Message: Hi, I am concerned with the proposition of charging money for plastic bags. I have a business where I need plastic bags to deliver my groceries. If the company is willing to pay for the bags I'm ok with it. But, if they do not want to pay, I have to eat the profit for the bags. Hoping you will reconsider, Dave Miller

From: **Rae via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 7:24 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 7:24pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Rae

Your e-mail address: [subafamily@att.net](mailto:subafamily@att.net)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: i agree with it wholeheartedly with a plastic bag ban for Newtown Connecticut I am hoping that our town does the right thing to pass initiatives to keep this planet clean for the next generation !

From: **Deb Daniels via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 7:48 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 7:48pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Deb Daniels

Your e-mail address: [cornindian125@gmail.com](mailto:cornindian125@gmail.com)

Subject: Ban plastic bags

Message: Yes please ban plastic bags ASAP!

From: **Dan Cologna via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 8:38 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 8:38pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Dan Cologna

Your e-mail address: [dcologna@charter.net](mailto:dcologna@charter.net)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Please do not impose another tax on the residents of Newtown with an unnecessary plastic bag ban.

From: **Robyn Cologna via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 8:42 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 8:42pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Robyn Cologna

Your e-mail address: [rcologna@charter.net](mailto:rcologna@charter.net)

Subject: Plastic Bags

Message: Please do not impose a new tax on Newtown residents with a plastic bag ban. I'm not aware that this is a critical issues or a problem in Newtown. Please focus on real issues instead of this media driven feel good stuff.

From: **Gwynne Wittmann via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 9:21 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 9:21pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Gwynne Wittmann

Your e-mail address: [gluminati@yahoo.com](mailto:gluminati@yahoo.com)

Subject: Support for Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

Dear Newtown Legislative Council,

I wanted to express my support for the proposed plastic bag ban and paper bag fee. Thank you for considering this action and for supporting our environment!

Sincerely, Gwynne Wittmann 14 Lake Road



From: **Michelle Dargon via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 9:31 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 9:31pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Michelle Dargon

Your e-mail address: [michelled9545@yahoo.com](mailto:michelled9545@yahoo.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I support a plastic shopping bag ban!

From: **Dana Los via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 9:35 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 9:35pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Dana Los

Your e-mail address: [dana\\_los@hotmail.com](mailto:dana_los@hotmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bags

Message:

We simply MUST try to limit the ongoing damage to this planet in any way possible. We do not need plastic bags. We do not need straws. We do not need styrofoam takeout boxes. Banning plastic bags in our town puts us where many other towns, states and most of Europe was years ago. It's the least we can do. I fully support the ban on plastic bags in our town. Thank you!

Dana Los

From: **Scott Karnas via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:00 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:00pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Scott Karnas

Your e-mail address: [scottkarnas@gmail.com](mailto:scottkarnas@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bags

Message: Hello! I am in FULL SUPPORT of a plastic bag ban. We need to take small steps for change and this is one we can and should do. Plastic is one issue in our global environmental problem, but this bag thing is one that can be changed. Also, on the matter of charging for paper bags.....I may be on an island here, but \$0.10 is not enough. People will pay that. If we want to change behavior, we need a disincentive. Paper bags should be \$5 per bag. Nobody will buy them at that price. And it will send a message. Just my view. \$0.10 won't work. Let me know if I can be of any further assistance on this matter.

From: **Theress hartley via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:04 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:04pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Theress hartley

Your e-mail address: [thartley2@earthlink.net](mailto:thartley2@earthlink.net)

Subject: Plastic bag ban - i agree- start

Message: Start ban let's not wait for the state

From: **Andy Via via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:27 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:27pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Andy Via

Your e-mail address: [andyvia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andyvia@sbcglobal.net)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Ban plastic bags or charge for paper then I will shop out of town.  
It's that simple

From: **Lisa Rioni via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 7:33 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 7:33am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lisa Rioni

Your e-mail address: [lisarioni@gmail.com](mailto:lisarioni@gmail.com)

Subject: Yes to the Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

I saw a thread on Newtown Neighbors Unite where folks are talking about the Plastic Bag Ban. I was heartened to see the overwhelmingly positive support of the ban. There are still some people out there who are misinformed about it, like they think the 10 cents charge on paper is a tax going to the state. But for the most part people are learning the facts and see the value of the ban.

There will always be some people who are uncomfortable with change, even if it's for the better, but historical data on this issue shows that people adapt quickly, and the positive impact of this type of hybrid ban (banning plastic and charging for paper) are significant. I've been to other countries (and even stores here like Costco and Aldi) where there are NO disposable bags at checkout. People adapt quickly.

The cost savings to stores in not having to provide "free" bags to customers, and the cost savings to towns in not having to manage the tremendous amount of waste produced by disposable products in our society, benefit all of us. I am generally opposed to bans on things, but there is no down-side to this one, as far as I can see. In this case I believe it's necessary. I urge a Yes-vote on the ban.

From: **Tracy Van Buskirk via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 8:16 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 8:16am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Tracy Van Buskirk

Your e-mail address: [kriksubnav@hotmail.com](mailto:kriksubnav@hotmail.com)

Subject: plastic bag ban

Message: I am 100% in favor of the plastic bag ban and the 10 cent charge, for all the reasons detailed by NEAT. Please let us be a forward thinking town!

From: **Matthew Helmin-Walker via Newtown CT**<[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 8:25 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 8:25am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Matthew Helmin-Walker

Your e-mail address: [matthewdwalker@gmail.com](mailto:matthewdwalker@gmail.com)

Subject: Proposed 10¢ plastic bag fee

Message: Hi there. I live in Sandy Hook at 86A Great Ring Road and wanted to express my support of the ban on single use plastic bags. I'm happy to pay 10¢ to help cut down on excessive waste. Thank you.

From: **Judy Blanchard via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 8:27 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 8:27am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Judy Blanchard

Your e-mail address: [blanchard.jude@gmail.com](mailto:blanchard.jude@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

We wholeheartedly support the plastic bag ban. Please vote for our environment!

Regards,

Kirk and Judy Blanchard

8 Plumtree Road

Newtown

From: **Frederic Clark via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 8:43 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 8:43am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Frederic Clark

Your e-mail address: [faclark88@gmail.com](mailto:faclark88@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bags

Message: I support the banning of plastic bags in Newtown. We all need to start taking seriously our contribution to the waste in landfills.

From: **Jane M. Payne via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 9:49 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 9:49am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Jane M. Payne

Your e-mail address: [JaneMPayne@aol.com](mailto:JaneMPayne@aol.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: Please do NOT vote for a ban. I am a Senior aged 78 and no matter how often you tell them, the reusable bags are always overloaded by the checkout person. Also, the bags are longer and the handles are longer and when we walk to or from our cars, the bag becomes a "pendulum" and throws us off balance. It is very difficult. If there is insistence about a ban, please allow Seniors to opt for the plastic bags, without cost. Everyone I know is responsible and repurpose the bags and respect our Environment. Ban straws if you want to ban plastic. It is ridiculous for every drink to have a straw. A total waste.

From: **Lori Taylor via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 10:00am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lori Taylor

Your e-mail address: [justducky\\_4@yahoo.com](mailto:justducky_4@yahoo.com)

Subject: Plastic bag

Message: Dear Council, we need to get plastic out of our environment. It keeps us dependent on oil, it doesn't decompose and it's a threat to wildlife. Paper isn't a much better option. It causes forest to be pillaged. It destroys wildlife habitats. I think charging for bags is the only way to get people to give them up. If people are worried about dirty reusable bags they can be washed. Getting bags out of the environment is the right thing to do. Keep up the fight. Thanks

From: **Sara Csaszar via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 10:33 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 10:33am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Sara Csaszar

Your e-mail address: [sarakc79@gmail.com](mailto:sarakc79@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I am in full support of Newtown banning plastic bags. It is about time! There is no other way to make this necessary change in our behaviors. I currently use plastic bags at the grocery store as I often forget my reusable bags. This will force the issue and it should! Let's do our part Newtown!

From: **Steve Hinden via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 11:12 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 11:12am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Steve Hinden

Your e-mail address: [steve.hinden@gmail.com](mailto:steve.hinden@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban - vote yes

Message: The ordinance will not be perfect and it will not please everyone. But I favor it as a reasonable, responsible action that role models for the next generation. Along with that, the fee and any hardships that poses to struggling families should be supported with community action, making reusable bags available and accessible. I don't think it is plausible that this will drive business from Newtown - I doubt there are many residents who would drive an extra 5-10 miles to get plastic bags for their groceries, or to avoid a ten cent per bag fee. Lastly, concern with potential state action is fair, but we can wait a long time for that, and if Newtown's ordinance is inconsistent with whatever that might be, action can be taken to conform. Taking action and building the momentum shown by other Connecticut towns might actually make state-wide action a reality sooner. Thank you for considering this point of view.

From: **Connie Cooper via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 1:34 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 1:34pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Connie Cooper

Your e-mail address: [connie9876@gmail.com](mailto:connie9876@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Please vote for the Plastic Bag Ban. It makes sense for our community and the world. The 10 cent fee must be included in the ban; it is to the benefit of the business community. Newtown should be a leader, not a follower. We're already behind many CT towns. It will eventually be a CT law, so let's get going and allow Newtown to be one of the towns setting the example and showing we care about the world we're leaving to our children and grandchildren.

From: **Gretchen Hancock via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 1:36 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 1:36pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Gretchen Hancock

Your e-mail address: [gnhancok@gmail.com](mailto:gnhancok@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

I support the single-use plastic bag ban PLUS a charge on the use of paper bags.

Gretchen Hancock

8 Cedar Circle

Newtown, CT 06470

From: **Eric Paradis via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 4:10 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 4:10pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Eric Paradis

Your e-mail address: [ericparadis@gmail.com](mailto:ericparadis@gmail.com)

Subject: Pass the bag ban as it is

Message:

Hello friendly Council members! Thanks for all your efforts in writing the ordinance on banning plastic bags. I am hopeful that you will pass it as it is. It is the right thing to do for our home. As other communities are passing similar laws, we can be part of that team leading the way for the whole state. It is a solid ordinance with long lasting positive impact for all of us. Please pass it as it is. Thanks!

-Eric

From: **Courtney Schwartz via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 5:52 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 5:52pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Courtney Schwartz

Your e-mail address: [cschwartz1122@gmail.com](mailto:cschwartz1122@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I support the plastic bag ban. Single use plastics need to go!

From: **Rachel Petersen via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 7:07 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 7:07pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Rachel Petersen

Your e-mail address: [rachel.petersen818@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.petersen818@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

I am a lifelong newtown resident and I strongly support the plastic bag ban. I think that instituting this is the bare minimum and a good jump off point for future environmental protections.

Thank you for hearing out your constituents on this very important issue.

From: **Kathryn Burke via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 6:44 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Friday, May 17, 2019 - 6:44am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Kathryn Burke

Your e-mail address: [kburke0905@gmail.com](mailto:kburke0905@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

Dear LC,

I support the plastic bag ban; however, I would like to see it include an exemption for plastic bags for raw meat and fish. For example when purchasing raw ground beef or fish at the grocery store I think it's important that we are able to use a plastic bag (similar to ones for produce) to carry the meat home. Many times these packages still have liquids on the bottom of their package and could transmit bacteria to the reusable bags (which may or may not be easy to clean).

Thank you for helping to protect our environment!

From: **Alison via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 10:40 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Friday, May 17, 2019 - 10:40am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Alison

Your e-mail address: [alliebahbah@gmail.com](mailto:alliebahbah@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

I'm against this proposed tax, as well as the ban. Though we all know it's coming down the pike via CT, other "trendy" towns have already jumped on the bandwagon because "save the planet". I think most would say they want a "cleaner" planet, but most would opt for the freedom to choose, first and foremost, but also, this is NOT proven science that the alternative bags will not become the can you've kicked down the road to make sure one "feels" they've done something to make a difference/good for all.

Also, waste, pollution is a personal responsibility on citizens. If you travel to an inner city and interviewed people leaving the grocery, I would like to know how concerned they are about our planet. If business waste disposal is failing and you still have individuals who could care less about

the planet, why are the individuals rights of average joe, always infringed upon? Because it's easy to say you "did something" even if later it turns out it wasn't the best choice.

Don't put this burden on a town who's small already struggle, especially in CT!

From: **MargE Oliger via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 12:40 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Friday, May 17, 2019 - 12:40pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: MargE Oliger

Your e-mail address: [maggiejeans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiejeans@sbcglobal.net)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

There is a lot of talk about the town making it a law that if you don't have reusable bags, retailers will have to charge you 10 cents for a bag.

The money is kept by the retailer.

Correct me if I wrong but isn't it unconstitutional to force consumers to pay retailers for anything?

I think this very topic was discussed in detail during the Obamacare debates and it was decided that if you don't buy health insurance the federal government could fine you because it's a tax.

In this case the most the Town can do is ban the use of plastic and leave it up to retailers to determine if they will charge for paper bags.

From: **Bag ban via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 6:39 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 6:39am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Bag ban

Your e-mail address: [boshemy@yahoo.com](mailto:boshemy@yahoo.com)

Subject: Bag ban

Message: I agree with the bag ban. Thank you for caring about our environment

From: **Dennis Brinkmann via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:24 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:24am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Dennis Brinkmann

Your e-mail address: [dbrinkmann@charter.net](mailto:dbrinkmann@charter.net)

Subject: Plastic bag issue

Message: Wait for the state.



From: **Cynthia Datin via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:26 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:26am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Cynthia Datin

Your e-mail address: [datinbros@aol.com](mailto:datinbros@aol.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I don't think you should ban plastic bags. Many people use them for garbage bags therefore they are not single use bags. People will shop out of town which will hurt Newtown businesses. Paying for a paper bag or reusable bag is just another form of tax when plastic bags are free. Do not charge for paper bags.

From: **Lois Barber via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:34am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lois Barber

Your e-mail address: [babycontest2010@gmail.com](mailto:babycontest2010@gmail.com)

Subject: plastic bag ban

Message:

As of this morning, there were only 39 "likes" on Newtown Environmental Action Team's facebook page. The number of "Likes" does not necessarily mean there are even 39 members, only people who gave it a thumbs-up. That is a relatively small amount of people who are deciding if our Legislative Council will add yet another tax in the form of a 10 cents per paper bag charge. Unless this becomes the state law, I do not think you should implement this expense and add it to the cost of living in Newtown.

We all want to protect the earth. Many of the supermarket bags are not single-use. They line bathroom waste baskets, scooped cat liter, etc.

Studies show that banning them just results in an increase of true single-use bags because consumers buy boxes of them for lining wastebaskets.

I visited Oregon, and I believe that state has a good compromise that will make everyone happy. They have a plastic bag ban except for meat products, and paper bags are free.

I believe we should follow Oregon's lead, or wait for the state to pass a law regarding plastic bags.

From: **Robbin Allen via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:35 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:35am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Robbin Allen

Your e-mail address: [Robbinredhead@hotmail.com](mailto:Robbinredhead@hotmail.com)

Subject: Plastic Bags Ban

Message: I am in full support of this ban! Plastic bags are a menace to the planet and sea life. Those who insist on using them should be charged the \$.10 each and the money used for environmental clean up. Thank you!

From: **Lori Carriero via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:41 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:41am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Lori Carriero

Your e-mail address: [carrierojoelori@aol.com](mailto:carrierojoelori@aol.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

Hello: I wanted to let you know that I DO NOT support the ban on plastic bags. Please do not pass this ordinance.

Thank you,

Lori Carriero

From: **Shari Stott via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:47 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:47am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Shari Stott

Your e-mail address: [sharistott@gmail.com](mailto:sharistott@gmail.com)

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

Hello,

I'm writing to show my support for the plastic bag ban and potential 10cent tax on plastic bags that is being voted on. I fully support this measure and would like to know if I can help in some way to get it passed.

From: **David Ackert via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:51 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:51am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: David Ackert

Your e-mail address: [dave@maplecraftfoods.com](mailto:dave@maplecraftfoods.com)

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Hi. I'm writing to voice support from my company, and my family, for the plastic bag ban proposal being considered. Unless/until the State implements a ban, we should join the other towns who have taken action to protect the land, the ocean, and the lives that depend on them both, from the scourge of plastic that pollutes them forever. Thank you.

From: **Linda Whipkey via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 10:57 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 10:57am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Linda Whipkey  
Your e-mail address: [lwhipkey@wpsir.com](mailto:lwhipkey@wpsir.com)  
Subject: Banning plastic bags  
Message: I support the ban on plastic bags.

From: **Christine Pfeiffer via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:00am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Christine Pfeiffer  
Your e-mail address: [kristyp520@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristyp520@sbcglobal.net)  
Subject: Plastic bag law  
Message: I am not for the plastic bag law. The reusable bags hav germs and can cause foodborne illnesses. As a Newtown resident I urge you not to vote for this. Thank you.

From: **Tina MacInnis via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:01 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:01am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Tina MacInnis  
Your e-mail address: [tinamacinnis@ymail.com](mailto:tinamacinnis@ymail.com)  
Subject: Plastic ban  
Message: Please support banning single use plastics. This may be just a small step towards a far goal; but, small steps will still add up to a long journey.

From: **Chloe Bowers via Newtown CT** <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:09 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <[plundquist.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:plundquist.newtown@gmail.com)>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:09am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Chloe Bowers  
Your e-mail address: [chbowers@icloud.com](mailto:chbowers@icloud.com)  
Subject: Plastic bags  
Message:

I'm writing to let you know I'm in full support of a plastic bag ban.  
Thank you! Chloë - Sandy Hook

From: **Susan Douglass via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:14 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:14am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Susan Douglass  
Your e-mail address: radtechy9@yahoo.com  
Subject: No plastic bags  
Message: I vote no plastic bags, straws, cups etc

From: **Leah Caracciolo via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:17 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:17am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Leah Caracciolo  
Your e-mail address: cookie203@gmail.com  
Subject: Plastic bag ban  
Message: I would like for newtown to ban plastic bag use and charge the 10 cents. It would be a great step in the right direction for protecting our earth and making a difference!

From: **Amy Roberts via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:21 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:21am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Amy Roberts  
Your e-mail address: amy.jennyci@gmail.com  
Subject: Plastic bag ban  
Message: No to charging for plastic bags. Groceries are expensive enough. Plastic bags are useful for pet waste pick up, lining small garbage cans, etc. Oregon has a ban on plastic bags, except for raw meat products, and all paper bags are free. That might be a good compromise.

From: **Alex Caracciolo via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:21 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:21am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Alex Caracciolo  
Your e-mail address: alexc9@vt.edu

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: Sending this message to reinforce my support for the plastic bag ban in Newtown. The residents here can afford to spend 10 cents per bag should they elect to use them, or forget their own reusable bags. It's a necessary change for the betterment of the planet and our community.

From: **Matt Cardillo via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:21 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:21am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Matt Cardillo

Your e-mail address: mcardillo81@comcast.net

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

Hi,

I am writing to urge the town to reconsider the proposed plastic bag ban. Many people reuse their plastic bags. I reuse mine for my lunches, as trash bags in the bathroom, put bottles and cans in for recycling, etc. Most grocery stores have a bag recycling bin in the can return room. All this will do is put an added burden on the residents of this town, as those who reuse the bags will now have to buy more expensive plastic bags to use for the same thing they use these bags for. Additionally, the plastic bags from Caraluzzi's are already recycled once and can be again, so they are truly not a single use plastic bag unlike a Glad or Hefty bag that gets used and tossed in the garage. Legislation like this penalizes creativity and reward laziness. Behavior change is not by replacing one source of plastic with a different source but by getting people who throw the bags in the garbage to reuse them. If this bill passes I know I will be doing my shopping at Caraluzzi's in Bethel instead of the Newtown store, at least until the state makes a poor decision and bans them for the entire state.

I urge the town to be less reactionary since most people reuse these bags, which is better for the environment than buying Glad or Hefty bags to replace them that get used once. The goal should be to find a solution that is repeatable and the least disruptive to the status quo. By banning the bags, most people will just replace them with a different plastic product that achieves nothing except a little more inconvenience and the same amount of plastic use. If the town truly wants to be leaders for the future, we need to think outside the box, not repeat the same thing some other towns have done as there is no data on how the bans have impacted the overall plastic use. I am all for recycling but there is no data on these bans being effective and I do not see how it impacts the end result.

Thanks,  
Matt

From: **Chris Grosso via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:22 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:22am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Chris Grosso

Your e-mail address: cg661013@sju.edu

Subject: PLASTIC BAN

Message: Please set an example, and move forward with the plastic ban.

Efforts like this bring us closer to a cleaner earth.

From: **Meredith Campbell Britton via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:32 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:32am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Meredith Campbell Britton

Your e-mail address: mcampbellbritton@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed plastic bag ban ordinance

Message: Hi, I am writing to encourage the Legislative Council to support the ordinance on banning plastic bags. I understand that this ban may be an imperfect solution to reducing litter, pollution, and waste. I am willing to accept those imperfections in order to improve the environmental health of our community. Thank you, Meredith

From: **Leah Mayor via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:38 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:38am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Leah Mayor

Your e-mail address: leahmayor@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I am in full support of a plastic bag ban in Newtown. I want to simply show my support to ban single use plastic bags for groceries etc. thanks, Leah

From: **Chris Trivers via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:44 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:44am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Chris Trivers

Your e-mail address: trivs@charter.net

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message: I am supportive of the plastic bag ban. It's the right thing to do for our environment. Many other local and state governments around the country have enacted similar legislation

From: **melissa murphy via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:44 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:44am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: melissa murphy  
Your e-mail address: webster9zoo@charter.net  
Subject: plastic bag ban  
Message: I totally support this. It's about time. There are 4 voters in my household all in favor.

From: **Suzanne Kelly via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:47 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:47am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Suzanne Kelly  
Your e-mail address: skelly2093@charter.net  
Subject: Plastic bags  
Message: Yes! Let's get rid of the plastic bags in Newtown!

From: **Hannah Fitzgerald via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:54 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:54am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Hannah Fitzgerald  
Your e-mail address: hannahlupinacci@gmail.com  
Subject: Plastic bag ban  
Message: I support banning plastic bags!!

From: **Christine Crudo via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:56 AM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:56am  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Christine Crudo  
Your e-mail address: christinemcrudo@gmail.com  
Subject: Plastic bags  
Message:  
I would to express my support of banning single use plastic bags. Shoppers can purchase and use reuseable shopping bags.  
Thanks.

From: **Rebecca Hall via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:01 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:01pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Rebecca Hall  
Your e-mail address: hallrebecca1978@gmail.com  
Subject: Plastic bags  
Message: I am allll for the ban thank you!

From: **Maggie Ferrari via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:12 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:12pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Maggie Ferrari  
Your e-mail address: margaret.t.ferrari@gmail.com  
Subject: YES TO BAN  
Message: all for the ban on plastic bags in newtown!

From: **Nicole Powers via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:21 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:21pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Nicole Powers  
Your e-mail address: ytsekirby@yahoo.com  
Subject: Plastic bag ban support  
Message:

Hi,  
I support the plastic bag ban proposed for Newtown. As a recent California transplant, I'm so used to using machine washable cotton bags that I don't even think about it. After a period of time I noticed that cities that banned plastic bags had much less litter. When driving through the desert between California and Las Vegas, I was sickened to see the fields and fields of plastic bags stuck to fences for miles. It takes an adjustment period, but if people just put their bags in their cars, they're always available. Thank you for your consideration.

From: **Lynn Hungaski via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:29 PM  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council  
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>  
Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:29pm  
Submitted by user: Anonymous  
Submitted values are:  
Your name: Lynn Hungaski  
Your e-mail address: lynnhungaski@cs.com



Subject: Plastic bag ban with the paper bag fee

Message: Please pass this bill in its entirety and help protect Newtown and our planet. Without the fee people will just switch to paper bags which are in some ways even worse than plastic (they have a higher carbon footprint). Please help solve this enormous plastic/paper problem that we have created for ourselves and do what government is supposed to do - protect your constituents.

From: **Jillian Cruwys via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:40 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:40pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Jillian Cruwys

Your e-mail address: jillianscruwys@hotmail.com

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: I'd like to add my support for the introduction of a plastic bag ban and a 10c fee for paper bags in Newtown. I've been using my own reusable bags for years now. It's a simple and easy step we can all take to help the environment.

From: **Patrick Symes via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:43 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:43pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Patrick Symes

Your e-mail address: patrick.symes@cushwake.com

Subject: Support for plastic bag ban

Message:

Dear Newtown Council,

I believe a nominal charge of 10c for a plastic bag is absolutely the right thing to do. We have a responsibility for this earth and plastic is one of the single biggest threats to our ecosystem. I implore you to continue ahead with this, push harder on paper bag use and do the right thing for society. Convenience and a cost of 10c are not compelling arguments to not do this. Thank you for doing the right thing for this world.

Patrick

From: **Margaret Pliger via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 12:44 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12:44pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Margaret Pliger

Your e-mail address: maggiejeans@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Reusable bags

Message:

I love my reusable bags but there are times when a disposable bag is better, especially for bringing home meat from the store.

Truth is I'd rather promote recycling of all plastic bags ( sandwich bags too) than to make everyone give up these bags. By the way, they are great for disposing if nasty stuff on the go like animal feces, vomit, and other bio messes.

Let's be smart but different. Let's recycle our bags by putting more containers around so they don't just go into the landfill, rather than ban them!

From: **Linda O'Sullivan via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:05 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:05pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Linda O'Sullivan

Your e-mail address: rynda01@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message: A vote in support of the ban. This is relatively easy to address, and the benefits are undeniable.

From: **William Baer via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:06 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:06pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: William Baer

Your e-mail address: williambaer@att.net

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

NO NO NO!

Not until/if the State implements a law!

From: **Linda Cavaliere via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:07 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:07pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Linda Cavaliere

Your e-mail address: Lindercav@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic bags

Message: Town shouldn't do the ban or the tax.

From: **Terry Stoller via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:14 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:14pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Terry Stoller

Your e-mail address: tstoller76@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic bags

Message: I heard that you are considering initiating a \$0.10 charge for plastic bags at the supermarket. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT this initiative! I have been carrying my own bags to the market for years. It's really no big deal. I thank you and so does the environment.

From: **Jacquelyn Kaplan via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:16 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:16pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Jacquelyn Kaplan

Your e-mail address: jacquelyn.ottomeyer@gmail.com

Subject: plastic bag ban

Message:

Hello!

I would just like to register my unqualified and full support for a plastic bag ban!

Thank you!

Jacqui Kaplan

34 Osborne Hill Road

Sandy Hook, CT 06482

From: **Carrie Bashak via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:23 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:23pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Carrie Bashak

Your e-mail address: spagirl2005@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic bag ban

Message:

I fully support the ban on plastic bags in the town of Newtown- this is a classic example of thinking Global and acting local. There is no real reason to keep using plastic in this day and age.

Many thanks,

Carrie Bashak

From: **Sandra Mejia via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:33 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:33pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Sandra Mejia

Your e-mail address: sandram81@hotmail.com

Subject: Yes to Ban of Plastic bags !!

Message: I 100% support the initiative to ban plastic bags from Newtown stores and markets! Our community can set an example to stop the use of plastics and harm to our environment. Kudos to the Newtown Environmental Action team for bringing about this initiative.

**From: Chris Spiro via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 1:58pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Chris Spiro

Your e-mail address: chris.spiro@excite.com

Subject: Plastic bags

Message: Please vote no on the ban

**From: Angela M Silver via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 2:24 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 2:24pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Angela M Silver

Your e-mail address: angelasilver72@yahoo.com

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

As of this morning, there were only 39 "likes" on Newtown Environmental Action Team's facebook page. The number of "Likes" does not necessarily mean there are even 39 members, only people who gave it a thumbs-up. That is a relatively small amount of people who are deciding if our Legislative Council will add yet another tax in the form of 10 cents per paper bag charge. Unless this becomes the state law, I do not think you should implement this expense and add it to the cost of living in Newtown.

We all want to protect the earth. Many of the supermarket bags are not single-use. They line bathroom waste baskets, scooped cat litter, etc.

Studies show that banning them just results in an increase of true single-use bags because consumers buy boxes of them for lining wastebaskets.

I believe we should not do anything at this time and wait for the state to pass a law regarding plastic bags.

**From: Robert J. Silver via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 2:25 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 2:24pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Robert J. Silver

Your e-mail address: rjs6008@gmail.com

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

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From: **Isabelle M Silver via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 2:25 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 2:25pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Isabelle M Silver

Your e-mail address: isabellesilver@yahoo.com

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

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Studies show that banning them just results in an increase of true single-use bags because consumers buy boxes of them for lining wastebaskets.

I believe we should not do anything at this time and wait for the state to pass a law regarding plastic bags.

From: **Robert M Silver via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 2:46 PM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 2:46pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Robert M Silver

Your e-mail address: bobsilver98@yahoo.com

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Message:

We all want to protect the earth. However, many of the supermarket bags are not single-use. They line bathroom waste baskets, scooped cat litter, etc.

Studies show that banning them just results in an increase of true single-use bags because consumers buy boxes of them for lining wastebaskets.

I believe we should not do anything at this time and wait for the state to pass a law regarding plastic bags.

From: **Kitt via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:59 AM

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 11:59am

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: Kitt

Your e-mail address: h.kitt@yahoo.com

Subject: Plastic bags

Message: Help save the earth!! Please ban plastic bags!!!

Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose St., Newtown, CT 06470  
Tel. 203-270-4201  
Fax 203-270-4205



Daniel C. Rosenthal  
First Selectman  
Tel. 203-270-4202  
dan.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

May 9, 2019

Honorable Governor Ned Lamont  
Office of Governor  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

Enclosed please find a resolution recently passed by both the Newtown Boards of Selectmen and Education regarding the proposal to shift part of the "normal cost" related to the Teacher's Retirement System (TRS) onto municipalities. As I had the opportunity to share with you when we met at the Capitol on February 28th, this issue remains my biggest concern due to its long-term implications for our local budget.

I fully appreciate the significant fiscal issues you inherited as you lead our great State and I pledge to work with you on trying to resolve them, however in its present form the TRS proposal is damaging to Newtown and not something I can support.

I would be happy to speak to you or your staff should you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Rosenthal", is written over the typed name below.

Daniel C. Rosenthal  
First Selectman

Cc: Hon. Senator Tony Hwang  
Hon. Representative Mitch Bolinsky  
Hon. Representative JP Sredzinski  
Hon. Representative Raghieb Allie-Brennan  
Joseph DeLong, Executive Director, CCM  
Hon. Mayor Neil O'Leary, President, CCM  
Elizabeth Gara, Executive Director, COST  
Hon. First Selectman Rudolph Marconi, President, COST

Whereas the Newtown Board of Selectmen and Newtown Board of Education understand the serious fiscal challenges facing the State of Connecticut;

Whereas Newtown residents pay the state substantial income and sales taxes, they also shoulder a heavy property tax burden, which is in part due to persistent underfunding of municipal aid by the state;

Whereas the Newtown Board of Selectmen and Newtown Board of Education reject the proposal to shift a portion of the "normal cost" of the Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS") onto Newtown residents;

Whereas the state offers no assurances it will faithfully make its required contributions and thus the diversion Newtown property taxes to the TRS cannot guarantee its solvency;

Whereas the proposal as made, stands to divert Newtown property tax dollars to the TRS well in excess of 25% of the "normal" cost associated with teacher salaries due to a significant penalty for the amount Newtown pays above the median;

Whereas the proposal misses the important fact that teacher's salaries are largely determined by the bargaining climate in the state, salaries in surrounding towns, binding arbitration and cost of living - influences that are beyond the control of the local districts, making the penalty seem arbitrary;

Whereas Governor Lamont appeared to state that he will not seek immediate pension reforms to make the system sustainable but would do so at some point in the future;

Whereas addressing revenue without reform is problematic and adds to the concern that the proposal will place an uncontrollable expense to our local budget;

Let it be resolved that The Newtown Board of Selectmen and Newtown Board of Education cannot support assuming an open-ended obligation for which the town does not have a role in negotiating the benefit structure nor managing the investment outcome. It is the position of the Newtown Board of Selectmen that the TRS proposal as it stands will negatively impact education and other municipal services. Local budgets are subject to annual referenda and there is only so much taxpayers will support. Important local objectives would necessarily be reduced or eliminated to pay an invoice to the State of Connecticut that we have no control over.

Unanimously approved by the Newtown Board of Selectmen on May 6, 2019  
Daniel C. Rosenthal, First Selectman

Unanimously approved by the Newtown Board of Education on May 7, 2019  
Michelle Ku, Chair



## Chapter 124 - Elections

### Article 1 - Board of Education Elections

#### §124-1 Purpose

The purpose of this article is to clarify and memorialize the processes by which Board of Education members are to be elected in the Town of Newtown, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### §124-2 Adoption of Alternative Methods of Election

A. The Town of Newtown adopts section 9-204b of the Connecticut General Statutes to govern the process by which Board of Education members are to be elected.

B. The number of votes given to an elector in an election year shall be equal to the number of seats up for election in said year.

C. Each political party shall have the right to nominate as many persons as there are vacancies on the board and those names shall be placed upon the ballot.

D. If the number of candidates who would be elected exceeds the maximum number established in subdivision 2-10(b)(2) of the Charter, then only the candidates of such political party with the highest number of votes up to the limit of such maximum, shall be elected. The next highest ranking candidates, not from such political party, shall be elected, up to the number of places to be filled in each election.

Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance  
Part II: General Ordinances - Health  
Chapter XXX: Reusable Checkout Bag Initiative

## § XXX-1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to improve the environment in Newtown and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents by reducing the use of plastic bags and paper bags for checkout and purchased goods and encouraging the use of reusable carryout bags.

## § XXX-2 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

### **Checkout bag**

A carryout bag that is provided to a customer at the point of sale and used for the purpose of transporting products purchased from or provided by a retail sales establishment.

### **Business Establishment**

Business Establishment means any person, business or non-profit entity that sells or provides merchandise, goods or materials, including, without limitation, clothing, food, or personal items of any kind, directly to a consumer, and includes, by way of example and not limitation, any grocery store, grocery delivery service, department store, hardware store, pharmacy, liquor store, restaurant, catering truck, convenience store, hospital, library, school, including temporary vendors at farmers markets, street fairs and school or Town sponsored events and facilities. Provided, however, Business Establishment shall not apply to yard sales, tag sales and other sales by residents at their homes.

### **Product bag**

A single-use plastic or paper non-checkout bag (see exemptions, below).

### **Recyclable paper bag**

A paper bag that should have the following characteristics:

- (1) One-hundred (100%) percent recyclable overall and contains a minimum of forty (40%) percent post-consumer recycled content; and
- (2) Displays the word "reusable" and "recyclable" on the outside of the bag.

### **Reusable checkout bag**

A bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of cloth or other fabric, or plastic that is a minimum thickness of twelve (12) mil. Plastic reusable bags may not contain lead, cadmium, or any other toxic material that may pose a threat to public health.

### **Business Point of Contact**

The business point of contact is the local business proprietor, manager, business owner, or owner's agent. This person shall be responsible for the retail sales establishment's compliance to this ordinance.

## § XXX-3 Restriction on the distribution of checkout bags

A. No Business Establishment shall provide or sell a plastic checkout bag to a consumer in the Town of Newtown.

B. No Business Establishment shall provide or sell a plastic checkout bag at any Town facility, Town-managed concession, Town-sponsored or Town-permitted event unless otherwise permitted by the Newtown Department or designee charged with enforcement of this ordinance.

## § XXX-4 Acceptable checkout bags

A. Any Business Establishment engaged in retail sale is permitted to provide to customers:

(1) Reusable bags; and/or,

(2) Recyclable paper bags

(a) A Business Establishment shall charge at minimum ten-cent (10 ¢) user fee per paper bag.

(b) All revenue from paper bags sold may be retained by the Business Establishment .

B. The charge for each paper bag sold in quantity and per bag rate shall be indicated on the customer's itemized receipt. If receipts are not routinely provided, notice of the charge shall be posted and visible from every point of sale.

C. Nothing in this section shall preclude any establishment from making reusable checkout bags available for sale to customers or utilize recyclable paper bags as defined previously in Section A. above.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit consumers from using bags or containers, of any type, at the point of checkout that they have brought to a Business Establishment for the purpose of carrying away goods.

## § XXX-5 Exemptions

A. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit consumers from using or Business Establishments from making available bags as listed below:

1. Newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry dry cleaning bags,
2. Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste bags, yard waste bags
3. Bags without handles that are used by consumers inside stores to package bulk items; such as fasteners, nuts and bolts; produce, nuts, grains, candy, meat, or fish, whether packaged or not; and unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods
4. Bags used to carry flowers, potted plants or other items where dampness may be a problem;
5. Bags used to carry pharmacy prescriptions; or items that required bags to safeguard public health during the transportation of hospital waste.
6. Any other bags that the enforcement officer deems to not fit the definition or intent of a carryout bag

C. Restaurants and establishments offering freshly prepared foods are exempted from the requirement to charge for paper bags.

D. Gift store/boutiques shall charge a minimum ten-cent (10¢) user fee per gift bag do not have to meet the recyclability or other requirement of paper bags. Plastic gift bags shall not be permitted.

E. Business Establishment making available non-recyclable paper bags or bags that do not meet the recyclability content requirements set forth in this ordinance (for example paper bags bearing a logo) may charge a minimum of fifteen-cent (15¢) per bag.

## § XXX-6 Operative Date

This ordinance shall become operative four (4) months following its effective date to allow Business Establishment to dispose of their existing inventory of non-compliant checkout bags and convert to alternative packaging materials.

## § XXX-7 Enforcement

A. This ordinance shall be implemented, administered and enforced by the town of Newtown and any town department or town body designated by the First Selectman.

B. Violations

1. Upon being made aware of a potential violation of this ordinance, the applicable Newtown Town Department or designated enforcement authority, as the case may be, ("Enforcement Authority") shall investigate as to whether a violation of the ordinance has occurred.
2. If the investigation confirms that a violation has occurred, then the Enforcement Authority shall give written notice, by in-hand service or certified mail, to the violator or his or its designee, to cease desist the offending activity within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice.

3. Upon receipt of the notice of violation, the Business Establishment or its representative shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Enforcement Authority or its representative that the offending activity has ceased within the fourteen (14) day period . Failure to correct said violation within the said fourteen (14) day period shall result in a penalty of \$100. Each day that the violation continues subsequent to the aforesaid fourteen (14) day period shall constitute a separate violation (in the amount of \$100 per day) until said violation shall cease as verified by the Enforcement Authority or its representative.

C. Appeals Procedure.

1. For any Business Establishment seeking to appeal any fine or violation, the procedures set forth in the Code of the Town of Newtown § 132-10, Appeals procedure, Subsections A through E, shall apply.

## § XXX-8 Non-Compliance

In the event that compliance with the effective date of this ordinance is not feasible for a Business Establishment because of either unavailability of alternative checkout bags or economic hardship, the First Selectman may grant a waiver of not more than six (6) months upon application of the business Point of Contact. The waiver may be extended for one (1) additional six-month period upon showing of continued infeasibility as set forth above.

LC 5/15/2019

**Resolution to set the Town Clerks salary at \$81,312 effective May 1, 2019.**

This represents a \$5,000 increase. Increase is due to an increased work load due to the elimination of a full time assistant town clerk position replaced by a part time assistant town clerk position (19 hours per week). This position realignment will save \$36,016

**2019-20 Savings:**

Wages:	
Changing from three full time assistant town clerks to two full time assistant town clerks & one part time town clerk	16,160
Increase in Town Clerk salary	(5,000)
Benefits:	
Town contribution to social security	1,236
Medical benefits (assuming employee/spouse premium)	22,812
Town contribution to 401a retirement plan	808
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	36,016
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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN  
APPROPRIATION (BUDGET) TRANSFER REQUEST**

FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019 DEPARTMENT Public Works DATE 4/29/19

	<u>Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
FROM:	1-101-13-500-5110-0000SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	HWY	(115,000)	USE NEGATIVE AMOUNT ↓
	1-101-13-510-5661-0000SALT	WINTER MAINT	(30,000)	
	1-101-13-650-5411-0000WATER / SEWERAGE	BLDG MAINT	(13,000)	
	1-101-13-510-5130-0000SALARIES & WAGES - OVERTIME	WINTER MAINT	(6,000)	
	1-101-13-515-5110-0000SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	TRANS STA	(3,000)	
	1-101-13-515-5130-0000SALARIES & WAGES - OVERTIME	TRANS STA	(5,000)	
	1-101-11-180-5360-0000PROF SVS - ELECTION	REGISTRARS	(3,000)	
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TO:	1-101-13-510-5660-0000SAND	WINTER MAINT	11,400	USE POSITIVE AMOUNT ↓
	1-101-13-500-5653-0000ROAD PATCHING MATERIALS	HWY	13,000	
	1-101-13-650-5130-0000SALARIES & WAGES - OVERTIME	BLDG MIANT	5,000	
	1-101-13-650-5505-0000CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT	20,600	
	1-101-13-515-5505-0000CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	TRANS STA	58,000	
	1-101-13-650-5624-0000ENERGY - OIL	BLDG MAINT	53,000	
	1-101-13-650-5622-0000ENERGY - ELECTRICITY	BLDG MAINT	14,000	
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**REASON:**

All inter-department (except \$3,000). See attached memo for explanation.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

- (1) DEPARTMENT HEAD
- (2) FINANCE DIRECTOR
- (3) SELECTMAN
- (4) BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- (5) BOARD OF FINANCE
- (6) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*[Handwritten signatures and initials over the authorization list]*

date:  
5/3/19  
5/3/19  
5-6-19  
5-6-19

**AUTHORIZATION SIGN OFF**

FIRST 335 DAYS >>>>WITH IN A DEPT.>>>>LESS THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2) & (3) SIGNS OFF; MORE THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2), (3) & (5)  
 >>>>ONE DEPT TO ANOTHER>>>>LESS THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL EXCEPT (6); MORE THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL SIGN OFF  
 AFTER 335 DAYS >>>>(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) ANY AMOUNT FROM CONTINGENCY>>>> ALL SIGN OFF



## **TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The source accounts are all sufficient to year end after this transfer. The largest amounts available were due to delay in filling personnel vacancies; employees out on workers' compensation or disability and some of the benefits of fewer severe winter storms. The other surplus came in the Water and Sewer budget from a reduction in benefit assessments due to reaching final payoff.

The accounts requiring assistance did so for very different reasons:

*Winter Sand* – Due to more ice rather than snow events, there was the need for more applications of sand to provide traction rather than salt.

*Patch* – While the winter storms were fewer in number, the same was not true of the freeze/thaw cycles nor the amount of rain that hydraulically pushed patch material out of potholes. The need is greater this year for the reasons stated.

*Overtime/Building Maintenance* – The need is the result of a number of off hour call backs for system failures and coverage for workman's compensation situations.

*Contractual Services/Building Maintenance* – There were a number of unanticipated mechanical system failures including but not limited to pumps, wells and condensers. This transfer covers the current shortage and provides funding to year end.

*Contractual Services/Transfer Station* – This request is almost entirely due to a recycling processing tip fee increase that started January 1<sup>st</sup> and added approximately \$50,000 in cost by itself. The balance of the transfer covers other fee increases and additional processing for storm debris not covered by FEMA.

*Energy/Building Heat* – This increase was needed to cover higher consumption and cost than anticipated for natural gas due to the community center.

*Electricity/Building Maintenance* – This covers the billing for the Landfill solar field for the beginning of last year that was not billed until this year. That expense is already accounted for in the next budget. The balance of the request covers unanticipated costs for new facilities such as the new PD site. We have made allowances for covering these costs in the next budget.

Finally, we will be keeping close tabs during the next budget on any of these items that may carry forward and make necessary adjustments as soon as possible.



- A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,858.20 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE SANDY HOOK SPECIAL REVENUE FUND “UNDESIGNATED” DONATION ACCOUNT 133-4014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR THE VICTIMS AS AGREED UPON BY THE FAMILIES ADVOCATE. THIS PLAQUE WILL BE PLACED IN THE LOBBY OF THE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER. ALSO, FOR THE LEGACY/COMMUNITY WALL CONCEPT. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF THE SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY TO HOST THIS COMPONENT AS WELL AS INSTALLATION. THE LEGACY/COMMUNITY WALL CONCEPT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE FAMILIES.