

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

ADDENDUM

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December 7, 2020 Council Meeting

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Chase Hagaman (chase.hagaman@gmail.com) on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 12:04:10

address: 17 Staysail Way, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and City Councilors:

Thank you for your service during these challenging times. I hope you are doing well and enjoying the holiday season.

I am writing because I have served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate since July of 2018, and given that there is now an opening for a new, regular-board member, I would greatly appreciate being considered for the position.

My time as an alternate on the ZBA has been an excellent learning experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. Even with the occasional long night, it has been a pleasure to give back to our awesome community, help applicants through the land-use process, and work to ensure that our city continues to be vibrant, meet key needs, and engage in common sense application of our zoning ordinance and the legal standards that govern variances from it.

As I noted in my previously submitted application for this position, I have attended nearly every meeting and been actively engaged in each case for which I have sat as a voting member. Not only am I heavily invested in our community and volunteer in other capacities, I also have a legal and financial background that I believe has been and could continue to be a benefit.

It is an honor to serve in any capacity on the board, and it would be a privilege to take on the increased responsibility of being a regular-member of the ZBA.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a great day and happy holidays.

Best,
Chase Hagaman

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Benjamin Doyle (bdoyle2023@sau52.org) on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 10:42:33

address: Greenland, NH

comments: Benjamin Doyle
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December 2020

Portsmouth City Council
1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

Members of the City Council:

Last year, the Portsmouth community decided on a single-use plastic ban on all city property, effective December 31st of this year. The ordinance allowed for a roughly one-year transition period to allow local businesses and consumers to adjust to this necessary change. Students from Portsmouth High School were instrumental in the process, and our passion for sound environmental policy has only strengthened.

In the light of the coronavirus crisis, some have expressed concern that a plastic ban would be an imposition on local businesses, and have proposed that the city defer the ordinance for another twelve months. The Portsmouth High School Eco Club, including myself, believe that this issue demands immediate action. Science agrees that we must act now, in the interest of our city, our residents, and our future.

Portsmouth has been a model in the past for gradual and inclusive ecological progress. It is a natural next step for the city to ban single-use plastics, and fortunately, the motion has already passed. Portsmouth again has the opportunity to serve as a model for other towns and small cities nationwide, as the country looks ahead to a more sustainable future. An efficient and effective implementation of the plastic ban is the most reasonable course of action, and the best way to communicate the decision.

On the behalf of the PHS Eco Club and many others, we thank you for your consideration, and urge you to implement the single-use plastic ban as expeditiously as possible, for the good of the entire community.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Doyle PHS Class of 2023
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Tyler Barry (tbarry@sau52.org) on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 07:37:21

address: 75 lake horse rd Salem NH

comments:
Dear Counselors,

Hello my name is Tyler Barry and I am a 17 year old Junior at Portsmouth High School. This writer wants to see change in the way we treat, "The Earth" Change is created through repetition, like a domino effect. If we change the process in which we do things we will see new results. If one person stands up, and strives for change, others are bound to follow. I am standing up. I am being the change I want to see in the world. This writer, is asking, that Portsmouth continues to step forward to be the "first domino" to take a leap of faith- to strive for a new change. This writer knows that Portsmouth has practiced and fostered- anti Single-Use-Plastics. This writer is asking for The Portsmouth City Council to continue that course of action. Please progress the process of combatting Plastic pollution in both aquatic and land environments..

This writer is writing this letter, to say The Portsmouth City Counsel (PCC) should permit Portsmouth High School students the chance to come up with a Socially-Acceptable and Eco-Friendly solution to this problem. You might be thinking, if our top scientists can't figure out this problem how can a bunch of High School students accomplish such a complicated and intricate task? It? I can't give you an answer for that probable question. This writer knows that is not Portsmouth's responsibility to help Hampton Beach or the other Non-Portsmouth / local beaches in NH. However it is our responsibility to stand up and protect the earth from further damage. "Our bodies are our vessels, the earth is our home" That quote is priceless. My Grandmother said that to me when I was nine years old. I looked at her like she had six heads. I did not appreciate what was right in front of me. Under appreciating the earth is where the problem stems from. This writer believes !

that if there was more publicised education revolving around Ocean Deforestation and plastic compositions in the ocean.

Please consider this. Our Oceans are coming in-land over 1.3 CM a day. This might not seem like much at any given time. That is a devastating facet of truth that shows just how polluted our oceans are. In ten years Hampton beach could be an underwater mystical tragedy like Atlantis. As Glorious as that may sound, its heartbreaking. This writer Proposes that The(PCC) continue the ban on One-Use-Plastics.

This writer knows that that Hampton Beach's Plastic control policies are outside the Portsmouth City Counsels (PCC's) authority. Although portsmouth does not have authority in Hampton over it's beaches, it's is our responsibility to do what is needed. This writer Proposes that the (PCC) reassess their stance on, (One-Use-Plastics and understand plastic waste is pandemic of its self. Plastic may not kill humans like a deadly virus. Plastic damages the Earth, and ensures the inevitability of Ocean Deforestation. This needs to end. It is Important to note that the One-Use-Plastic Ban is the only line of defense for the aquatic and land environments.

If a group of teenagers can find 15 Lbs of trash in the matter of two hours imagine what we can find in 6 months. This writer requests that The (PCC) allows Portsmouth High School students to run an experiment to prove the oceans are getting Polluted at a devastating rate.

Plastic bags are a major cause of environmental pollution. Plastic as a substance is non-biodegradable and thus plastic bags remain in the environment for hundreds of years polluting it immensely. It has become very essential to ban plastic bags before they ruin our planet completely. Many countries around the globe have either put a ban on the plastic bag or Levi tax on it. However, the problem hasn't been solved completely because the implementation of these measures hasn't been as successful.

Problems Caused by Plastic Bags

Here are some of the problems caused by plastic bags:

Non-Biodegradable

Plastic bags are non-biodegradable. Thus, disposing of the plastics is the biggest challenge.

Deterioration of Environment

They are destroying nature due to their harmful effect. Plastic bags have become the main cause of land pollution today. The plastic bags entering into the water bodies are a major cause of water pollution. Hence we can conclude that these are deteriorating our environment in every possible way.

Harmful for Animals and Marine Creatures Animals and marine creatures unknowingly consume plastic particles along with their food. Research shows that waste plastic bags have been a major reason for untimely animal deaths.

Cause of Illness in Humans

The production of plastic bags releases toxic chemicals. These are the main cause of serious illness. The polluted environment is a major reason for various diseases which are spreading easily in human beings.

Clogged Sewage

Waste plastic bags are the main reason for trapping the drains and sewers, especially during rains. This can result in a flood-like situation and disrupt the normal life of people.

Reasons to Ban Plastic Bags

There are numerous reasons why the government of various countries has come up with strict measures to limit the use of plastic bags. Some of these include:

Waste plastic bags are polluting the land and water immensely.

Plastic bags have become a threat to the life of animals living on earth as well as in water.

Chemicals released by waste plastic bags enter the soil and make it infertile.

Plastic bags are having a negative impact on human health.

Plastic bags lead to the drainage problem.

Public Support for Plastic Bag Ban

Although the American government has imposed a ban on the usage of plastic bags in many states. But people are still carrying these bags. Stores and Markets stop providing plastic bags for few days only in the beginning.

It is time when we all must contribute our bit to make this ban a success. Thus we the educated lot of society must take it as our responsibility to stop using plastic bags. In this way, we can support the government in this campaign.

Some contributions that can be made by people are as follows:

Keep a Tab

In order to be successful in this mission, we must keep reminding ourselves about the harmful effects of the plastic bags on our nature and keep a tab on their use. Gradually, we will become habitual to doing without these bags.

Seek Alternatives

There are many eco-friendly alternatives to plastic bags like reusable jute or cloth bag.

Reuse

We must reuse the plastic bags we already have at home as many times as we can before throwing them away.

Spread Awareness

While the government is spreading awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags, we can also spread awareness through word of mouth.

Conclusion

Although plastic is becoming a big threat for all of us, still this problem has often been overlooked and underestimated. This is because people do not look at the long term effect of these small, easy to carry bags they use in their everyday life. Besides all of these people keep using bags due to their convenience. But now everyone has to completely stop using the plastic bag to save our environment and Earth.

Thank You for your time and consideration, we look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Barry

Portsmouth High School Student

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Matthew Glenn (matthglenn@gmail.com) on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 09:24:43

address: 34 Harrison Ave

comments: Dear Mayor and City Council,

I'd like to support Councilor Lazenby's proposal to have limited or delayed enforcement of the plastic and styrofoam ordinance. Rather than undoing the hard work and lengthy process that creating this ordinance, it makes sense to just limit enforcement through 2021 in light of the pandemic.

Thank you.

Matthew Glenn

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kathie Lynch (kathielynych@hotmail.com) on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 13:43:10

address: 3 Boyan Place

comments: Dear Portsmouth City Council,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting of the council and want to register my support for the needed improvements to the city pool. As a member of the Recreation Board and a city resident I know how important the pool is to all in the Portsmouth community not only providing for a summer escape from the heat but also providing swim lessons and water safety for our children. Much needs to be done to improve the bathhouse and other structures and it is important to make sure the pool is safe and operational so that closures are not needed. Please support the CIP for the city pool. Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jackie Cali-Pitts (cali0917@aol.com) on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 13:49:52

address: 40 Bedford Way

comments: I urge you support the bond for the pool although it is not nearly enough to complete the project. The outdoor pool is a jewel in Portsmouth's crown. and has provided much needed outdoor recreation for our citizens. I know that right now the bath house is not on the list of priorities but it needs to be done as soon as it is possible,. more so now than before in light of past events. The pool is a happy place and should remain so for past and future generations .

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