

**Supporting information regarding proposed packaging ordinances
provided by Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee**

- I. Cape Elizabeth businesses that members of the Committee (mainly Matthew Faulkner) contacted to discuss the proposed packaging ordinances:

Note: All were contacted in early 2016 with the exception of the last six on the list, which were contacted following the July 11, 2017 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Cumberland Farms: Assistant Manager said proposed ordinances would be no problem. Software to charge for bags is already loaded into the computer registers, and supplies of non-PS foam serviceware are available. They will be ready to comply on the day the ordinances take effect.

The Local Buzz: Already in compliance and support the proposed ordinances.

CVS: Three separate visits. Talked to employees at the store, but received no reply from management.

Ocean House of Pizza: Three separate visits. Talked to employees at the store, but received no reply from management.

IGA: Enthusiastic support for the proposed ordinances.

C Salt: Appear to already be in compliance and support the proposed ordinances.

BirdDog: Talked to Assistant Manager. Appear to already be in compliance and support the proposed ordinances.

Good Table: Talked to employees. Appear to already be in compliance and support the proposed ordinances.

Cookie Jar: Three separate visits. Talked to employees, but received no reply from management. Appear to already be in compliance.

Lobster Shack: Talked to a manager. Appear to already be in compliance.

Cape Creamery: Talked to employees on three separate visits and left voicemail for owner (July 11, 2017). Appear to already be in compliance.

Bite into Maine: Already in compliance and support the proposed ordinances.

Jordan's Farm Stand: Talked to Penny Jordan. Already in compliance.

Alewife's Farm: Is not supportive of the proposed bag ordinance.

The Well at Jordan's Farm: Already in compliance, using only paper and compostable products.

- II. List of Maine municipalities with existing packaging ordinances:

Plastic bag bans: Brunswick, Freeport, Kennebunk, Saco, York

Plastic bag fees: Falmouth, Portland, South Portland, Topsham

Polystyrene foam bans: Brunswick, Freeport, Portland, South Portland, Topsham

III. Additional items (separate attachments):

A. ecomaine statement discouraging use of single-use plastic bags:

Excerpts: "On average, non-recyclable contamination comprises about 7.5 percent of the 42,000 tons of recycling that ecomaine typically processes annually.

Plastic bags and films are estimated to comprise between 60% and 70% of these contaminants and end up as fuel in the waste-to-energy plant."

"We support movements across Maine to reduce our dependence on plastic shopping bags"

B. ecomaine Recycling Committee meeting minutes from Sept. 15, 2016

Excerpt from "Item #6: Plastic bags proposal":

"The committee then discussed a Hannaford report that stated an 80% reduction in plastic bag usage in its stores after the city of Portland instituted its plastic bag ordinance, citing it as useful data for other towns considering bag ordinances."

Note: The Hannaford report referenced here has not yet been identified or located.

C. Ocean Conservancy's Top Ten Items Collected in the 2016 International Coastal Cleanup

Plastic grocery bags ranked #5

Other plastic bags ranked #9

Foam take-away containers ranked #10

IV. Following the July 11, 2017 Ordinance Committee meeting, Matthew Faulkner spoke with Casey Harris of Hannaford Supermarkets, who stated that before the South Portland bag ordinance went into effect 12% of transactions involved people using a reusable bag, whereas afterwards that proportion has increased to 70%.