

**Finance Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2022**  
**7:45 PM**  
**\* VIRTUAL MEETING \***

**Present:** Christine Russell (Chair), Adam Nolde (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Steve Noone, Mike Majors, Christi Andersen, Jason Cole, David Wellinghoff, Esha Gangolli and Avinash Patil (associate member)

Ms. Russell called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizen's Concerns**

A citizen expressed concern about proposed School budget as it seems to be leading to an override.

Mr. Kadlec dismayed at the committees approval of the ALG plan despite the comments made by members at prior meetings.

**2. Ban the Bag**

Mr. Berry spoke to the two articles the Select Board have allowed to be included in the upcoming warrant. The first article is the Polystyrene and Disposable Plastic Reduction bylaw and the 2<sup>nd</sup> article is a Home Rule Petition – an act authorizing the Town to establish a minimum charge for paper checkout bags. The first article is proposed to reduce environmental impacts while the 2<sup>nd</sup> is to allow cost recapture by businesses by allowing them to charge \$0.15 for paper bags. The polystyrene ban is only for items packaged in Acton and utensils and packaging for takeout in Acton.

A question was raised about grocery delivery services as they seem to use paper bags. Some members would support not offering paper bags in order to encourage reusable only.

**3. Finance Committee Business**

Mr. Cole provided the dates and location of the POV presentations. Seeking volunteers to present.

Mr. Nolde provided a recap of the last Select Board meeting and discussed the proposal to increase the CPC surcharge.

Mr. Patel moved to adjourn. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde took the vote by roll call. The motion passes unanimously.

**Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting**

- Ban the Bag presentation