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The April 7, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Ordinance Committee, a sub-committee of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 6:02 p.m. via WebEx in accordance with SB2012 by Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven.

Present: Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven, Joseph Crisco, and David Vogel
Present for Staff: Town Counsel Gerald Weiner, and Mrs. Shaw, Clerk.

ANTI-LITTERING ORDINANCE – Police Chief Frank Cappiello

Chief Cappiello explained how the State Anti-littering Law is enforced by the Department when complaints are received, and the offence can be tracked. The state fine for the first offence is \$199.00. He said another layer for enforcement would cause confusion. He also noted that since 2020 fifteen complaints have been logged. It was agreed that much of the litter is caused by through traffic tossing coffee cups, and food wrappers out the car windows. Such littering is difficult to track as it is anonymous.

Chief Cappiello recommended a public information/beautification campaign; scheduling rid-litter events more than once a year; police presence would be provided for volunteers working along busy roads. Other thoughts included working with schools, and youth groups.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Annatone, 4 Northrop Road: via phone on April 5, 2022. He said that in response to the statement made at the March 31st meeting that there was very little littering observed in Town, every week he picks up discarded bottles, wrappers, broken glass, etc. from his front lawn to fill a trash-bag – that he offered to bring into the Town Hall to make his point. He recommends a once-a-month pick-up brigade, especially for busy through streets, with a police escort to keep participants safe from traffic.

RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board of Selectman that Chief Cappiello's recommendations be implemented as a first step.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

Confirm with Board of Selectmen that, as the first item of business, the Committee is to review ordinances establishing appointed boards and commissions

The Committee agreed to bring the following plan to the Board of Selectmen for direction:

- Liaisons inquire if Board/Commission could reduce number of meetings per year
- Combining similar boards/commissions or with overlapping responsibilities
- Ascertain the cost of staffing
- Ascertain attendance records

NEXT MEETING

The Committee will schedule its next meeting after receiving more direction from the Board of Selectmen

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Crisco, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk