



WE WANT YOU!

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Article 32

Plastic Reduction Petition

**BRING YOUR OWN
BAG**

Proposed Bag Article: reducing the source

- **Thin plastic bags with handles may not be provided by stores**
- **This does not include plastic bags used for dry cleaning, newspapers, produce, or meat**
- **Stores may provide recyclable paper or reusable bags**
- **Bring your own bag!**

Bags that will still be available



Environmental Impact of Plastic Bags



- Americans use **100 billion** plastic bags a year, which require **12 million** barrels of oil to manufacture.
- An average American family uses **~ 1,500** plastic shopping bags a year.
- The EPA estimates that **less than 5%** of plastic bags are recycled
- **100,000** marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually.
- Plastic bags are used for about **12 minutes** but it takes **500+ years** for them to partially degrade in a landfill (They never break down completely) & become microplastics

Committees, Businesses, and People Contacted/Met With

- Jim White (owner of Trails End and Lincoln Kitchen)
- Climate Justice Ministry (at St Anne's)
- Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Rural Land Foundation
- John Snell (Green Energy Committee)
- Dan Pereira (Parks and Rec)
- Lincoln Police - notified of enforcement laws
- Donelan's - will comply with all state/town laws
- Board of Health - met on 2/28
- Council on Ageing - presented on 3/6
- Peter Von Mertens - full support
- Susan Brooks, Town Clerk - helped us with warrant article format
- Board of Selectmen - met in October and February
- Community outreach (working with St. Anne's and Mothers Out Front)

Local supporters

Sustainable Sudbury

Assabet NWR volunteers

Mass Green Network

Mothers Out Front (Lincoln)

First Parish of Sudbury

Casella Recycling (Sudbury Contractor)

Surfrider Foundation

Sierra Club Massachusetts

Concord On Tap Team

Humane Society of U.S.

350 Mass Metrowest

St Anne's Episcopal Church

UU Green Committee (Sudbury)

61 Massachusetts cities and towns, about 30% of the state's population, have passed plastic bag regulation legislature

Adams	Falmouth	Oak Bluffs
Amherst	Framingham	Plymouth
Aquinnah	Gloucester	Provincetown
Arlington	Grafton	Reading
Ashland	Great	Salem
Athol	Barrington	Sandwich
Barnstable	Hamilton	Shrewsbury
Bedford	Harwich	Somerville
Boston	Ipswich	South Hadley
Bourne	Lee	Stockbridge
Bridgewater	Lenox	Sudbury
Brookline	Manchester-by-t	Tisbury
Brookline	he-Sea	Truro
Cambridge	Marblehead	Wakefield
Chatham	Mashpee	Watertown
Chilmark	Melrose	Wayland
Concord	Nantucket	Wellesley
Dalton	Natick	Wellfleet
Dennis	Newburyport	West Tisbury
Duxbury	Newton	Weston
Edgartown	Northampton	Williamstown
		Yarmouth

Lincoln can join these towns and cities in reducing plastic waste...

Concluding Message...BYOB!



Thank You!!