

MA Senate acts boost recycling, composting

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that builds on the state’s climate and environmental leadership by banning single-use plastic bags, making straws and plasticware available by request only, and making it easier to recycle. The legislation passed by a vote of 38-2.

“In Massachusetts, we take pride in being a leader when it comes to protecting our environment and people’s health, and this bill continues that leadership” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Limiting our plastics use means less trash in our water ways and on our streets, and giving our kids the green, clean planet they deserve to inherit. This is a crucial part of achieving the Commonwealth’s climate goals, and I want to thank Senator Rausch for her leadership, Chair Rodrigues, our members, and every advocate who has spoken up on this issue, for their hard work.”

“We’re seeing more and more the impact that plastics have on our lives and world, our health and future generations,” commented Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). “Passing this bill is a step in the right direction towards transitioning these items out of our society, making them still available for those in need while encouraging the use of items that are reusable, safe and sustainable.”

OS.2830, An Act to reduce plastic would drastically reduce plastic waste that is too often found in streets and waterways-and too often fills landfills and disposal sites-ultimately harming the environment in Massachusetts communities and contributing to global climate change. Plastics are also made using fossil fuels.

The legislation will prohibit carry-out plastic bags at retail stores statewide and require stores to charge 10 cents for recycled paper bags, five cents of which will be allocated to environmental protection measures. The bill provides a limited exemption from the requirement to collect 10 cents for small local retailers. As of May 2023, 162 Massachusetts cities and towns, making up nearly 70 per cent of the state’s population, already regulated single-use plastic bags.

The bill will also prevent plastic utensils and straws from automatically being given to consumers, prohibit single-use plastic bottle purchases by state agencies, and create a statewide program for recycling large plastic objects such as car seats.

Further, it increases statewide bulk plastic recycling by creating a statewide program for the recycling of large plastic objects, such as car seats.

In an effort to reduce the \$10 million annually in avoidable costs directly caused by the flushing of non-flushable wipes, the bill will require non-flushable wipes to be clearly labeled with “Do Not Flush” warnings to prevent disruptions to the commonwealth’s sewer system.

The bill would boost composting, the natural recycling of organic food scraps and materials, by directing the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report on the commonwealth’s progress toward expanding access to composting. It also establishes a new commission to make recommendations on ways in which the state can encourage or require businesses to support recycling of efforts for the products that they produce.

It is the second time the Massachusetts Senate has taken action to prohibit single-use plastic bags in the commonwealth.

Having passed the Senate, the legislation now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.



GRANBY— Granby Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All library programs are free of charge and open to the public. Call the library at 413-467-3320 during open hours for more information and to pre-register for programs. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St.

Reading Adventure Through - August 9, ages birth to 11yrs.

How the Granby Library’s Summer Reading Adventure Works.

1. Sign Up, Fill out a sign up slip,

then take an “Adventure” folder, all logsheet materials and instructions are included.

2. When you reach 25 days of reading - bring in your folder and logsheet. You will receive a Cindy’s Coupon & a free book. Turn your Adventure Log Sheet - it will be your raffle ticket for summer reading prizes which are: Grand Prize: FAMILY \$200. Gift Card to Southwick Zoo and Second Prize: A Seasonal Pass for Lupa’s Zoo. Weekly theme raffle baskets too.

Summer Reading Activities & Events:

Super Hero Take- Home Lego Mystery Challenge Boxes through July 25 Sign out a box of Lego and

return it by July 25 with a creation on the top using the included super hero figure. Returned creations on display July 25-31. Ages 4 and up.

Rock & Mineral Program: Saturdays: July 13 & August 3 at 10:30 a.m.. Jack Marcy, local rock and mineral enthusiast, will show you his collection & teach you how to identify and catalog rocks & minerals. Age 8 to 12. *Pre-register for each session.

Craft Camp - Thursday, July 11 at 3 p.m. Suncatchers, paint a plaster pet, Perler Beads, craft basket raffle & more. Get your craftiness on. Drop in, ages 3 and up.

CFCE Summer Playgroups - Wednesdays July 10 through August 21, at 10:30 a.m. Families with children birth through 5 years and siblings welcome.

Disney Week July 9 to July 13, Check out a Disney book or DVD this week and get a raffle ticket for a Disney Basket. Disney activity table too.

Artful Mechanisms Thursday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Jay Mankita of Playful Engineers presents this hands-on, creative engineering workshop in which imagination meets the marvels of mechanical movement. Construct your own mechanisms. Pre-register. Ages 7 through teens.

Guess What Book is in the Jar July 16 through July 30. If you guess what book is shredded in the jar you win a surprise (book related) pack!

Public Notices

GRANBY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 11, the Granby Planning Board will hold a postponed public hearing from **June 24, 2024 to July 8, 2024, at 5:15 PM, at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, Top Floor, Granby, MA.** The nature of the hearing is to consider the petition of Heather Reynolds Labonte (Owner/Applicant), seeking a Special Permit under Sections 6.2 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section III – Use Regulations, 3.2.10 and Section V – Special Use Regulations and Performance Standards 5.14 – Special Event Venue at 145 Harris Street, and known as Assessors’ Map 12-A-1 in the town of Granby, MA. The complete applications

and plans are available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM-3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM-12:00 PM Fridays) at the Selectmen’s Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

James Trompke, Chair
Granby Planning Board
06/28, 07/05/2024

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Local

Wetlands Bylaw and regulations to consider a Request for Determination filed by Nicholas Magnolia to conduct within Buffer Zone at 5 Ethan Cir (Map 47, Parcel 81).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6pm virtually.** Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website. A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30-4 Mon thru Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
07/05/2024

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