

## **REAC Minutes, March 7, 2019**

Attendance: Lynn Breckenridge, Donna Cheney, Rich Bicknell, Pete LaFond

Absent: Dave Low, Alan Solander, Dave Low

### **Agenda items:**

1. Guest speaker—Sarah Lakeman from NRCM is the Sustainable Maine Policy Director  
Bags and foam from the state level.

Foam bill LD 289 is out of the committee which will go from the both houses. There is no preemption in this bill so towns can adopt a more stringent. Camden has a new law which requires floats in the ocean to encapsulate them.

Plastic bag bills—three we introduced, one is now being worked on. Grocers and Retailers Associations are both in support of this—they sent out a survey to their members over the summer

Bag ban state wide, there would be a fee on paper, but businesses that are less than 2% of food sales and smaller than 10,000 would be exempt from charging the fee on paper.

Discussed straws briefly, balloons, bottle caps etc.

Minutes from February approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is April 4.