

JUNE 20, 2023 at 3:30 PM  
Wellfleet Recycling Committee Meeting  
Zoom link and Agenda below

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter 30A, Massachusetts General Laws, and Ch. 22 of the Acts of 2022, Notice is hereby filed that a meeting of the Wellfleet Recycling Committee will be held on 20 June 2023 at 3:30PM. Said meeting will be open to the public and the press as required by the provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Instructions for a Zoom video conference meeting, which also allows phone dial-in, are given below. If you have technical difficulties, please contact the Chair of Committee at the following email address, [wellfleetrecycles@gmail.com](mailto:wellfleetrecycles@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96533892090?pwd=QnA3cEIXanltZE9xSUpMbnN0cmg3QT09>

Meeting ID: 965 3389 2090

Passcode: 117286

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

## AGENDA

Review draft warrant article to ban sale of alcohol sold in miniature bottles ( $\leq 100$  ml) in the Town of Wellfleet.

### Draft Article to prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages in miniature or “nip” bottles.

#### **Rationale:**

Nips are miniature single-serve liquor bottles made of plastic or glass. They are not recyclable, due to their small size, nor are they covered by the state bottle redemption law. Nips litter is a pervasive problem, dotting roadsides and beaches. The Falmouth Litter Reduction Team surveyed litter on that town's roadways in 2021 and found that nips made up 32% of roadside garbage. The reason nips end up on roadsides is a public health and safety concern. Nip bottles are a convenient way to consume alcohol while driving and dispose of the container out the window. In 2018, data showed that Chelsea received 742 alcohol related emergency calls. Chelsea's ban passed that year and by August of 2019, that number had decreased to 128 calls of the same kind. Nips bans are now in effect in Chelsea, Falmouth, Mashpee, Newton, and Wareham.

#### **Article:**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and to insert it into the Code of the Town of Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

#### Section 1. Sale of

Effective on September 1, 2024, it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters within the Town of Wellfleet.

#### Section 2. Enforcement

Enforcement of this article shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee. The Town Manager shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other Town duties as appropriate.

Any establishment conducting sales in violation of this article shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in G. L. Chapter 40 § 21D. The following penalties apply:

- First violation: Written warning
- Second violation: \$150 fine
- Third and subsequent violations: \$300 fine

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation, incurring additional fines. Any such fines collected shall be payable to the Town of Wellfleet.

All businesses will be routinely inspected until the Town Manager deems the inspection to no longer be required.

RC: Jaya Karlson, Olivia Kraus, Carol Magenau, Nancy Najmi, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski