

NH Network Plastics Working Group Notes (PWG) #77

Sunday, January 26, 6 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, February 9, 6 pm

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[Plastics Working Group Slide Deck Link \(all may add resources\)](#)

[Ten Towns Toolkit website Link](#)

[2025 Facilitator Schedule](#)

[Action Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

[2024-26 PWG Priorities Table](#)

[NH Network Bills Resource](#)

[Legislator Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

 Ten Towns Ten Actions Promotion Pieces

Attending

(KEEP THIS LIST INTACT AND EDIT EACH MEETING - USUALLY SIMILAR ATTENDEES SHOW UP EACH TIME)

*NOTE: Names in **bold** were in attendance.*

Mary Armstrong, **Kristine Baber**, Mark Berry, **Patsy Beffa-Negrini**, Sarah Boudreau, Dennis Brown (Falmouth ME Plastic Red. Initiative), Carolyn Choate, Clark Corson/Carol Foss (Collaborative Solid Waste Strategies), Christina Dubin, **Rep. Sherry Dutzy**, Rep. Karen Ebel, Rep. Nick Germana, **Cindy Heath**, Nancy Lightbody, **Peggy Longley**, Reb MacKenzie, **Kathy Manfre**, **Bruce Norlund**, Rep. Lucius Parshall, **Ann Podlipny**, Susan Posluszny, **Susan Richman**, Rep Peter Schmidt, Susan Smith, **Carol Sullivan**, Darla Thyng, **Cynthia Walter**, Marge Shepardson, Pat Ianni, David Wasielewski, Janet Metcalf, Nancy Ladd, **Bruce Norlund**, **Nancy Wightman**, **Peggy Ueda**, **Susan Garcia**, **Kate**, **Tim Jenkins**

1. Land Acknowledgment, Norms, Leader in Every Chair, Welcome New Attendees, Recruitment

- [2025 Facilitator Schedule](#)
- Peggy Ueda, Jaffrey
- Nancy Wightman, Cornish
- Susan Garcia, Peterborough
- Kate, Hampton
- Tim and Linda Jenkins, Peterborough

2. Upcoming Events/Education

- When is the Senate filing deadline?
- Jan 25 - Harrisville Tabling at Mill Room, 10-2
 - Successful event focused on energy initiatives
- Feb 10 - Unwrap the Future III - [Link to Media Advisory](#) - 7-9 pm
 - Ten Town Ten Actions Tracking Sheet Walk Through (Patsy)

3. Discussion/Presentations/Updates

- Education Team (**Patsy Beffa-Negrini**)
 - School Reusables may become a focus of this group

- **Legislative Action & Outreach Research Team (Sherry Dutzy)**
 - [2025 Leg Tracking by Cty & LSR Tracking](#) (has LSR numbers)
 - [Legislator Tracking Spreadsheet](#) (has bill numbers)
 - Patsy attended SWWG - EPR for paint bill pending
 - Landfill bills are teeing up now; strong legislative support
 - Check the [NH Network bill tracker](#)
- **Collective Action Update - SUP Reduction Actions (Susan Richman)**
 - PWG 'No Bag Please' Campaign - [Link to Working Doc](#)
 - Link to printable petition: bit.ly/paperNOplasticBAGS (useful for tabling, church or community groups, tabling outside your favorite grocery - with manager's OK)
 - Link to petition on-line: bit.ly/noPLASTICbags (sign it yourself, share link with others)
 - Many Ten Town Action members have communicated with their local grocery stores; collecting petitions; ultimate goal to meet with grocery chain CEOs and legislators
 - Lucius Parshall has a bill to study waste reduction options like the plastic bag action
 - Lack of enabling legislation that allows towns to regulate waste is a challenge
 - Can PWG collect data on film & foam (?) diversion
 - Focus on economics and diversion data EX: Jaffrey has diverted thousands of pounds of plastic film, this can be used as a strategy to justify eliminating bags and foam packaging
 - Outreach to DES for data on waste diversion measures
 - Institutions & governments are voluntarily managing purchasing policies (MA state agencies)
 - **ACTION: (WHO?) Write an article, make presentations in collaboration with NHMA**
 - Municipalities make money on recycling (Peterborough/Jaffrey/Harrisville/Walpole) with [Ben Hoy, former](#) employee of NRRRA; but do others know how to do this? Markets for recycling streams are volatile
 - Towns can make resolutions (Durham is working on plastic water bottle reduction)
 - PFAS bill to take effect in 2027
 - From Bonnie Christie, Hopkinton: *"Yes, our numbers have been going in the wrong direction. Every year our TS manager prints how many pounds of recycling we take in and weight of trash going out to landfill. Every year our waste tonnage grows and the percentage of total waste recycled shrinks."*
- **Environmental Justice & Lead Issues (Ann Podlipny)**
- **Which bills should PWG focus on?**
 - Running list of possibles in [Legislative Tracking Sheet](#) (with bill numbers)
 - [2025 Legislative Resource Working Doc](#)
- **Federal Legislation (Carol Sullivan & Ann Podlipny)**
 - [Full Report](#) - Mobilizing Federal Action on Plastic Pollution
 - [Fact Sheet](#) - Biden-Harris Administration Releases New Strategy to Tackle Plastic Pollution, Takes Action to Reduce Single-Use Plastics in Federal Operations
 - [Beyond Plastics](#) - Working to End Single Use Plastic Pollution

4. Updates from Ten Towns, Ten Actions Leaders & Attendees

Cindy - Cornish: Cons Comm, film & foam recycling, Co-op SUP bag reduction in produce & bulk sections; mesh bag pilot with Fat Hat clothing shop;

Nancy - Cornish: wants to raise awareness on health impacts of plastics

Kate - Hampton: new to group; has limited time but chose PWG!

Susan - Durham:

Mary - Harrisville: working on food scraps and zero waste proclamation; recruited Tim Jenkins

Tim - Peterborough: learning from the group

Kristine - Dover: Co-chair of Dover Plastics Reduction group; co-leads Reusable Seacoast pilot; report & recommendations pending; health impacts of plastics; Green Tips coming back; will join petition collective action for SUP reduction

Peggy - Jaffrey: film recycling at transfer station; wants to connect with larger effort; working on petition (250 signatures)

Patsy - Nelson: attended tabling events on home energy coaching effort

Mary/Susan - Harrisville: Had a table at the Harrisville Energy fair (HeatSmart+ Kickoff) on Sat 1/25 for Rethink Plastic Team. Spoke to a select board person at the fair. Came up with a plan to possibly have the town help us in our Foam Drive. I will be writing up a proposal to present later in March (after town meeting) Submitted my 18th article to our town's community newsletter. Signed up to volunteer at our Recycle Center once a month, starting in Feb.

Ann - Chester: recruited a new PWG member; working on grocery store SUP reduction; environmental justice focus on lead; Manchester water treatment plant is burning PFAS impacting air, land, water; PFAS campaign to pass bills to prevent this

Peggy - Sandwich: continuing with EPS and film collections; working with energy group (button up, solar warrant article)

Carol - Center Harbor: working with school library (serves Meredith, Center Harbor, etc) to focus on plastics reduction efforts

Cynthia - Dover: Co-chairs plastic reduction group; toxic chemical focus, specifically synthetic turf; will coach people on school reuse projects

Bruce - Keene: likes to attend meetings to learn more about plastics recycling;

Kathy, Peterborough - Recycling Advisory Committee, styro collection gathered 14 bags to Gilford, tabled in Harrisville and Peterborough on plastics reduction

Susan, Peterborough - working with Kathy M

5. PWG Priorities Action Plan

- [LINK TO SURVEY RESULTS](#)
- [SUMMARY](#)
- [2024-26 PWG Action Steps](#)
- [Link to Discussion on Sept 8 - PWG Meeting #70](#)
- **ACTION: Ask an environmental legislator to host an environmental caucus and invite our list of environmental legislators** - wait until after election for this to invite those who have been elected
- **ACTION: Susan to contact Nick Germana, Karen Ebel for advice on environmental caucus - may have a weekly phone call with Peter Bixby (family friend)**

6. Open Space Topics

- **Reuse Bag Initiative** - get bags from conference organizers and redistribute to grocery stores, social service organizations
- [Citizens' Climate Lobby Website Correction](#) - Percentage of Climate Change Caused by Plastics
- **Upstream** initiative for large events to start a reusable cup program; would generate a business to wash the cups and return them to the vendors
 - Manchester arenas; Fisher Cats games are our large venues

- Usefull (company that can deal with large scale venues and Universities)
 - 99% return rate on reusables
 - <https://www.usefull.us/>
 - NH Businesses for Social Responsibility partnership?
 - [Climate Action Tracker](#)

Future Agenda Items

Below this Line: Resources in General (not agenda items)

12. Legislative - Past

- Bag Ban introduced by Laurel Stavis (Lebanon)
- Enabling Legislation introduced by Marge Shepardson (Marlborough)

13. Legislative - Future

- **Toxics in Food Packaging** - [Link to Working Document](#)
 - Should be a separate bill from container deposit law - who will champion this? NHHCA?
 - Contact Wendy Murphy & Karen Ebel to co-write and sponsor; Bill Palmer will be involved
 - Strategizing on Future Legislation with Gretchen Salter
- **Microplastics in Water** - [Link to Working Document](#)

14. Future Agenda Items [Microplastics Legislation Worksheet](#)

- Presentation to NH Legislative Committee on the environment
- Road map tour of NH legislative website
- Connect with Businesses for Social Responsibility
- EPR Toolkit & Solid Waste Event - EPR: "Breaking It Down" [Link to Working Slide Deck](#) - Cindy

15. Resources

- **NHLA Sustainability Book List**
 - NH Library Association's Sustainability Committee has created a spreadsheet of titles and resources (not just climate change). Send additional titles to Nancy Ladd? Linked at the bottom of their web page:
<https://www.nhlibrarians.org/Pages/Index/226518/sustainability-home-page>
- **Food Security**
 - **NH Food Hub Network**
 - <https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/resources/agriculture-food-and-public-health#h.w9g0yko055hg>
 - **Messaging about Policy**
 - <https://www.10towns.org/actions/policy-actions/testify-about-plastic-pollution>
- **Film - The Politics of Beauty - about Stewart Udall**
- **Reuse Resources**
 - [Upstream Article: Reuse vs. Single Use: Economics](#)
 - [Brief on "anchor venues" and "wash hubs."](#)
 - [Foodware To Go](#)
 - [Reusable Packaging Association](#)
 - [Reuse Seattle](#), [Reusables](#), [Zero Waste USA](#)

- [As You Sow](#) - environmental investing group; puts pressure on companies for issues like plastic reduction and use to influence shareholders; try to harness shareholder power to change companies
- **350 NH**
- **[Fossil Fuel Investments](#) Webinar**
 - 99% of Americans are forced to invest in fossil fuels in their retirement plans.
 - Almost 20% of investments in fossil fuels come from retirement savings.
 - If you took 12 companies including Adobe, Amazon, Apple, Google, Intuit, Meta, Microsoft, Netflix, Oracle, etc: the employees have lost \$5.1 billion due to their companies investing in fossil fuels.
 - If you took \$10,000 and invested in fossil fuels 10 years ago, guess how much money you'd have today? \$10,004.
 - If you took the \$10,000 and invested in the S&P 500 minus the fossil fuels, you'd have \$34,851!
 - Google has invested \$1.7 billion in fossil fuels through their retirement savings. If they hadn't done that it would be like taking 700,000 cars off the road.
 - An explanation of why fossil fuel companies are desperate to turn to plastics.

Links & Resources

- **Bloomberg [Law Article](#)** - *US Senators Highlight Environmental Justice in Plastics Process*
- [Beyond Plastics Tabling Kit](#)
- **Grist [Article](#)** - *Democrats Unveil Most Comprehensive Bill to Address Plastics Problem*
- [Beyond Recycling Plastic](#) (draft document created by Kristine Baber)
- [Biomimicry Website with Real World Solutions - Ask Nature](#)
- [Link to NH Network Brochure for Copying](#)
- [PPT by Susan Hodges with good material on alternatives to SUP](#)
- [Bloomberg Philanthropies - Beyond Petrochemicals Initiative](#)
- [UN Report on Chemicals in Plastics](#)
- [Recycled and Reused Food Contact Plastic Are Vectors for Toxics](#) (Swedish meta analysis)
 - Corresponding author: Birgit Geueke; Email: birgit.geueke@fp-forum.org
- [Project Drawdown](#) (Paul Hawken)
- [Low Carbon Diet](#) (You Tube - David Gershon)
- ["Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis"](#) by Erica Cirino

Community Action Works Notes and Future Planning

- [Campaign Planning Principles, Decision-Making Chart, Kick Off Meeting Notes](#)
- [#2 October 17 - Goal Setting & Timeline Notes](#)
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- [#6 January 3 - Communications Work Group Meeting Docs](#)
- [#7 June 5 - Updates and Legislative Planning, Campaign Planning](#) PDF, [Visioning Workshop](#)

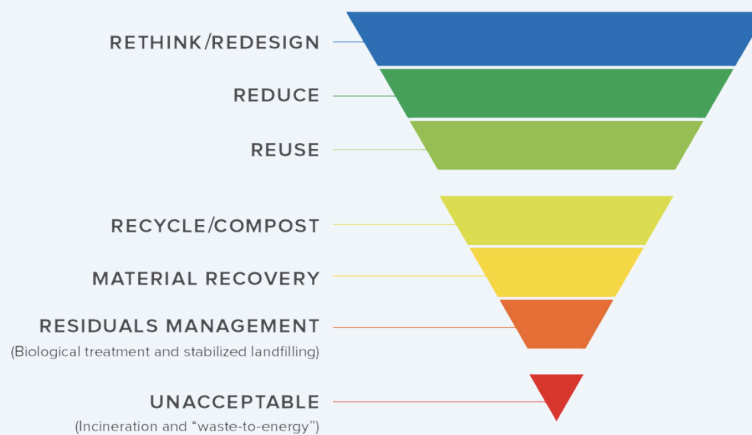
An **Extended** Waste Hierarchy



Version 8.0 — Last updated May 19, 2022

THE ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY 8.0

For detailed version visit www.zwia.org/zwh



Previous PWG

Zero Waste Hierarchy of Highest and Best Use 8.0

Meeting Notes

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