



**SURVEY RE POSSIBLE REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE USE  
OF POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS AND THIN-FILM, PLASTIC  
SHOPPING BAGS\***

We are interested in gathering public input regarding various regulatory concepts, most of which appear in one or more by-laws/regulations adopted across the state. Please return your completed survey when leaving the meeting or to the Tri-Town Health Department, 45 Railroad Street in Lee.

1. In light of your prior knowledge and information presented at the meeting, including the potential for state legislation, do you think our towns should try to reduce the use of
  - Polystyrene drink and food containers? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Thin-film, plastic shopping/point-of-sale bags? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
2. Considering possible efforts to reduce the use of polystyrene drink and food containers—
  - Should we prohibit retail establishments from using
    - Expanded polystyrene containers for prepared food? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
    - Clear or solid rigid polystyrene food containers? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Should we require that approved alternatives provided by retail establishments be
    - Free of any potentially harmful plastics? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
    - Recyclable, biodegradable, and/or compostable? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Should we enable retail establishments using approved alternative containers to charge a reasonable amount to cover the increased cost? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
3. Considering possible efforts to reduce the use of thin-film plastic shopping bags—
  - Should we prohibit retail establishments from using thin-film, shopping/point-of-sale, plastic bags? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Should we require that any approved alternatives provided or sold by retail establishments be
    - Made of recycled/recyclable paper/cardboard? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
    - Reusable over the long term? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
    - Machine washable? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Should we enable establishments providing approved alternative bags to charge a reasonable amount to cover the increased cost? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
4. Considering both the polystyrene containers and plastic shopping bags—
  - Should we require retail establishments to encourage their customers to use long-term, reusable alternatives for the containers and bags? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - Should we encourage retail establishments to give discounts reflecting their cost savings to customers who bring their own containers or bags? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_
  - As is done elsewhere, should the Tri-Town Health Department be required to create a list of approved alternatives retail establishments can use and update it as research, new products, and other factors warrant? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Unsure\_\_\_

*\*While regulations would likely cover all commercial uses of these products, individual consumers would be exempted and able to use whatever containers and bags they chose.*