



SELECTMEN'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY BOTTLED DRINKING WATER

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APPENDIX A

SELECTMEN'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY BOTTLED DRINKING WATER

Warrant Article 14 of the May, 2015 Annual Town meeting ("WA14") proposed adding a new Town bylaw, Article 8.35, which would impose a ban on the sale or distribution of bottled drinking water, as defined in the Warrant Article, at events of more than 100 people in Brookline (§8.35.2) or on any property receiving a lease or other license to operate on Town property (§8.35.3) and prohibited the use of Town funds to purchase bottled water for use in Town buildings (§8.35.4). Only proposed bylaw §8.35.4 was approved by Town Meeting. The remainder of WA14 was referred to a committee of the Board of Selectmen for study and to report back to Town Meeting in May, 2016.

To carry out the wishes of Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen hereby establishes a Selectmen's Committee (the "Committee") to study bottled drinking water, as defined in WA14 ("Bottled Water"), as follows:

1. Composition. The Committee will be comprised of (1) a Selectman who shall chair the Committee, (2) Dr. Alan Balsam, Director of Public Health and Human Services, or his designee, (3) a representative of the Schools Department, (4) a member of the Town's Solid Waste Advisory Committee, (5) a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and (6) a maximum of 4 additional members from the public that represent a diversity of views and interests respecting Bottled Water.

2. Charge. The Committee shall be charged to study the issues raised by WA14 and submit a report to the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2016 (the "Report"). The Report may be a final report or a preliminary report. The Report shall include steps that can be taken by the Town to reduce the use of Bottled Water by means of educational initiatives and Town programs that make the use of alternatives to Bottled Water reasonable and practical. Such steps may include (a) incentive programs, (b) Town infrastructure improvements, (c) Town acquisition of equipment, supplies, and other materials, (d) private easements, leases, licenses, or agreements, and (e) other means by which Town residents and visitors can have reasonable access to alternative sources of clean water to Bottled Water.

3. Work Plan. The Committee will develop a work-plan and schedule of meetings that may include (i) a review of balanced expert opinion on the environmental and disposal problems that may be presented by Bottled Water, (ii) a review of health issues associated with the use of Bottled Water, (iii) a review of approaches taken by other municipalities in the United States or in other countries, (iv) an examination of the hygienic conditions and levels of chemical or other contamination of a sampling of public water fountains in the Town and the schools, (v) a review of hydration options for public spaces in the Town, (vi) a review of circumstances where Bottled Water is a necessity; (vii) a survey of grocery stores and other business locations for their willingness to provide free or low cost tap water to individuals with their own reusable water bottles, (viii) a plan for distributing reusable water bottles to the public, (ix) an examination of any supply exclusivity contracts for Bottled Water or other beverages with the Town or the Schools and the costs, feasibility, or desirability of amending or terminating any such contracts, (x) a review of infrastructural improvements that may be required to provide alternatives to Bottled Water, (xi) an estimate of any savings from a reduction in the disposal of Bottled Water containers, and (xii) an estimate of the costs associated with the infrastructural and other improvements or acquisitions and maintenance requirements that would be necessary and the identification of resources that could be used for such costs.

4. Public Input. The Committee shall hold at least one public hearing on its proposals prior to the presentation of the Report to the Board of Selectmen.

APPENDIX B

Quality Standards for Bottled Water

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Food Protection Program

All source water used for bottled water sold in Massachusetts must meet the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Primary Drinking Water Standards. If the source water originates in Massachusetts, the water must also meet any additional requirements set for drinking water by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Blended water from two or more sources originating from different states must also meet the additional DEP requirements. All source water used for carbonated nonalcoholic beverages must meet bottled water standards including private source water and public water supply water. The untreated waters of all private water sources (raw water) must be sampled and tested to characterize its microbiological, physical, radiological and chemical quality at the minimum frequency described under "source water" in the attached document.

Once water and carbonated nonalcoholic beverages are bottled, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Bottled Water Quality Standards apply. Manufacturers of bottled water utilizing a private water supply must have a certified laboratory perform analyses of the finished water. Manufacturers of bottled water who utilize a public water supply and perform additional treatment must have a certified laboratory perform analyses of the finished water. Manufacturers of bottled waters must test all finished product at the minimum frequency described in the attached document under "finished product". Samples of each type of finished carbonated nonalcoholic beverage product shall be taken and analyzed as frequently as necessary to ensure that all products meet the quality standards. These results need not be submitted but shall be maintained by the plant for five years.

Testing of water from water sources originating in Massachusetts must be performed by labs certified by DEP. Water originating from sources in other states must be tested by labs that are certified by the appropriate agency within the state where the laboratory is located. Water from sources outside the U.S. must be tested by laboratories which are certified by the EPA.

The following information must be included on analyses reports for all new permit and renewal applications:

1. Client's name and address.
2. Sample identification (indicating "Source" or "Finished" water, the name of the "Source" or brand of "Finished" water, and production date).
3. Sample collection date and time.
4. Sampler's name.
5. Laboratory name, address and certification number.
6. Laboratory Director's signature and date.
7. For each contaminant:
 - Result in specified units.
 - Maximum contaminant level (MCL) in specified units.
 - The method detection limit in specified units.
 - Analytical method.
 - Date analyzed.
 - Space for notation if an analysis was subcontracted to another lab. Include the name, address and certification number of the sub-contracted lab.
 - A copy of the subcontracted laboratory analysis on the letterhead or report form of the subcontracted laboratory.

Any questions regarding these standards or other issues related to the manufacture of bottled water and/or carbonated nonalcoholic beverages can be referred to the Massachusetts Food Protection Program at 617-983-6712.

KEY

MA = Massachusetts

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

MF = Membrane Filtration technique

MFL = Million Fibers per Liter (for fiber length greater than 10 microns)

mg/l = milligrams per liter

MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfection Levels

MTF = Multiple Tube Fermentation technique

NR = Not Required

pCi/l = picocuries per liter

WQS = Water Quality Standard

PARAMETER	MCL	WQS	SAMPLING FREQUENCY	
	Source Water	Finished Product	Source Water	Finished Product
Microbiology				
Total Coliform	no more than one positive sample per month	9.2/100ml (MTF)	weekly	weekly
		1/100ml (MF)		
Heterotrophic Bacteria (Standard Plate Count)	500/ml (DFD guideline)	500/ml (DFD guideline)	weekly (testing recommended)	weekly (testing recommended)
		Heterotrophic bacteria interference invalidates the sample		
Physical Components (organoleptic)				
Turbidity	0.5-1.0 NTU	1-5 NTU	annually (daily if surface water)	annually
Color	15 units ^a	15 units	annually	annually
Odor	3 threshold odor numbers ^a	3 threshold odor numbers ^a	annually	annually
pH	6.8 - 8.5 ^a	----	weekly	NR
Radionuclides				
Gross Alpha Activity	15 pCi/l	15 pCi/l	annually ^b	annually
Radium 226 and 228	5 pCi/l	5 pCi/l	annually ^c	annually
Beta Particle Activity	Concentration which produces an annual dose of 4 mrem/yr	Concentration which produces an annual dose of 4 mrem/yr	once every four years	annually
Inorganic Compounds	mg/l	mg/l		
Aluminum	0.2 ^a	0.2	annually	annually
Antimony	0.006	0.006	annually	annually
Arsenic	0.01	0.01	annually	annually
Asbestos	7 MFL	No standard	annually ^d	NR
Barium	2	2	annually	annually
Beryllium	0.004	0.004	annually	annually
Cadmium	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
Chloride	250 ^a	250	annually	annually
Chromium (total)	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Copper	1.3	1.0	annually	annually
Cyanide	0.2	0.2	annually	annually
Fluoride	2.0 ^a	2.4	annually	annually
Iron	0.3 ^a	0.3	annually	annually
Lead	0.015	0.005	annually	annually
Manganese	0.05 ^a	0.05	annually	annually

PARAMETER	MCL	WQS	SAMPLING FREQUENCY	
	Source Water	Finished Product	Source Water	Finished Product
Mercury	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Nickel	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	annually	annually
Nitrite (as N)	1	1	annually ^e	annually
Nitrate/Nitrite (Total)	10	10	annually ^a	annually
Selenium	0.05	0.05	annually	annually
Silver	0.1 ^a	0.1	annually	annually
Sodium	20 (guideline level)	Required to determine if sodium labeling or nutritional labeling is required.	annually	annually
Sulfate	250 ^a	250	annually	annually
Thallium	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Total Dissolved Solids	500 ^a	500	annually	annually
Zinc	5 ^a	5.0	annually	annually
Organic Compounds	mg/l	mg/l		
Alachlor (Lasso)	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Aldicarb (Temik)	0.007 (0.003 for MA source)	0.003	annually	annually
Aldicarb Sulfone	0.007 (0.002 for MA source)	0.002	annually	annually
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	0.007 (0.004 for MA source)	0.004	annually	annually
Atrazine (Atranex, Crisazina)	0.003	0.003	annually	annually
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0002	0.0002	annually	annually
Carbofuran (Furadan 4F)	0.04	0.04	annually	annually
Chlordane	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Dalapon	0.2	0.2	annually	annually
Di(2-ethylhexyl)-adipate	0.4	0.4	annually	annually
Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate	0.006	0.006	annually	annually
1,2-Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002	0.0002	annually	annually
2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid)	0.07	0.07	annually	annually
Dinoseb	0.007	0.007	annually	annually
Diquat	0.02	0.02	annually	annually
Endothall	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Endrin	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.00005 (0.00002 for MA source)	0.00005	annually	annually
Glyphosate	0.7	0.7	annually	annually
Heptachlor	0.0004	0.0004	annually	annually
Heptachlor epoxide	0.0002	0.0002	annually	annually
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	0.001	annually	annually

PARAMETER	MCL	WQS	SAMPLING FREQUENCY	
	Source Water	Finished Product	Source Water	Finished Product
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	0.05	annually	annually
Lindane	0.0002	0.0002	annually	annually
Methoxychlor (DMDT, Marlate)	0.04	0.04	annually	annually
Oxamyl	0.2	0.2	annually	annually
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.001	annually	annually
Picloram	0.5	0.5	annually	annually
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's, Arochlor)	0.0005	0.0005	annually	annually
Simazine	0.004	0.004	annually	annually
2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin)	3 x 10 ⁻⁸	3 x 10 ⁻⁸	annually	annually
Toxaphene	0.003	0.003	annually	annually
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.05	annually	annually
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (chloroform, bromoform, chlorodibromomethane, bromodichloromethane)	0.08 (0.005 for Chloroform for MA source, non-chlorinated water supplies)	0.08	annually	annually
Volatile Organic Compounds	mg/l	mg/l		
Benzene	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (o-DCB)	0.6	0.6	annually	annually
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)	0.075 (0.005 for MA source)	0.075	annually	annually
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007	0.007	annually	annually
1,2-Dichloroethylene (cis)	0.07	0.07	annually	annually
1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans)	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Dichloromethane	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
Ethylbenzene	0.7	0.7	annually	annually
Monochlorobenzene	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Styrene	0.1	0.1	annually	annually
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
Toluene	1	1	annually	annually
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	0.07	annually	annually
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	0.005	annually	annually
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	0.2	annually	annually
Trichloroethylene	0.005	0.005	annually	annually

PARAMETER	MCL	WQS	SAMPLING FREQUENCY	
	Source Water	Finished Product	Source Water	Finished Product
Vinyl Chloride	0.002	0.002	annually	annually
Xylenes (total)	10	10	annually	annually
ADDITIONAL TESTING				
USP(United States Pharmacopeia) Testing on distilled or purified finished products	NR	USP Revision 23 or later	NR	annually
Perchlorate	0.002	NR	annually	NR

^a Secondary maximum Contaminant level

^b Gross alpha particle activity includes radium 226, but excludes radon and uranium. If levels of gross alpha particle activity are < ½ the MCL, testing may be reduced to once every four years.

^c If gross alpha is ≤5 pCi/l, radium testing is not required.

^d If no asbestos is detected in first round of testing, frequency of testing may be reduced to once every nine years.

^e Sampling requirement will increase if nitrite is ≥50% of the MCL.

DISINFECTANT BY-PRODUCTS¹

Water Type	Disinfectant Used	Potential By-Product	MCL/MRDL	Frequency of Testing
Public Water Supply	ozone, chlorine, chloramines, or chlorine dioxide	No monitoring needed if data is available from PWS.		Data from PWS may be supplied.
		If no data available monitor for:		
		Chloramines	4.0 mg/l	Annually
		Chlorine dioxide	0.8 mg/l	Annually
		Bromate	0.01 mg/l	Annually
		Chlorite	1.0 mg/l	Annually
		Haloacetic acids (HAA5).	0.06 mg/l	Annually
Private Water Source	No disinfectant used	No testing required		No testing required
Private Water Source	Ozone	Bromate	0.01 mg/l	Annually
		Haloacetic acids (HAA5)	0.06 mg/l	Annually
Private Water Source	Chlorine, chloramines, or chlorine dioxide	Haloacetic acids (HAA5)	0.06 mg/l	Annually
Finished Products²	Ozone or any chlorine based disinfectant ²	Bromate	0.01 mg/l	Annually ²
		Chlorite	1.0 mg/l	Annually ²
		Haloacetic Acids(HAA5)	0.06 mg/l	Annually ²
		Chloramine	4.0 mg/l	Annually ²
		Chlorine	4.0 mg/l	Annually ²
		Chlorine Dioxide	0.8 mg/l	Annually ²

¹ Monitoring requirement effective January 1, 2002.

² Testing is required on all finished bottled water products regardless of disinfectant use.

APPENDIX C

MWRA Monthly Water Quality Analysis

February 2016

This page provides information on water quality at four locations in the MWRA transmission system. Results reflect a "snapshot" in time and may not represent typical conditions. Monitoring for parameters indicated in regular font is quarterly as they either have minimal variability or are always below detection limits. The "Wachusett System" locations represent raw water from the Wachusett Reservoir (CWTP inlet) and finished water leaving the treatment plant (CWTP Finished water tap). The "CVA System" locations represent raw water from the Quabbin Reservoir (William A. Brutsch Water Treatment Facility) and finished water after all treatment (Ludlow Monitoring Station). See www.mwra.com for additional information on other parameters which are monitored less frequently. All samples are analyzed by MWRA and contract laboratories.

CVA System
Wachusett System
Metro-Boston
Standards →

Component	Brutsch Water Treatment Facility (Raw)	Ludlow Monitoring Station (Treated)	Carroll Water Treatment Plant Inlet (Raw)	Carroll Water TP Fin. Water Tap (Treated)	Health Standard	Aesthetics or Other Standards	Units	Method Reporting Limit
Alkalinity	3.3	4.3	5.7	40.6			MG/L	0.05
Aluminum	U	U	U	U		50-200 (c)	UG/L	15.0
Ammonia-N, Total	0.01	U	0.01	0.40			MG/L	0.005
Antimony	U	U	U	U	6 (b)		UG/L	0.4
Arsenic	U	U	U	U	10 (b)		UG/L	1.0
Barium	6.3	8.1	8.0	6.1	2000 (b)		UG/L	2.0
Beryllium	U	U	U	U	4 (b)		UG/L	0.3
Bromate	U	U	U	U	10 (b)		UG/L	5.0
Bromide	9.8	5.6	13.4	12.5			UG/L	5.0
Cadmium ⁽¹⁾	U	U	U	U	5 (b)		UG/L	0.5
Calcium	2030	2120	4010	4110			UG/L	50
Chloride	7.5	8.9	20.7	23.2		250 (c)	MG/L	0.5
Chlorine, Free		0.83			4 (b)(d)		MG/L	0.02
Chlorine, Total				2.53	4 (b)(d)		MG/L	0.02
Chromium, Total	U	U	U	U	100 (b)		UG/L	1.0
Coliform, Fecal, MF Method	1	U	U	U	20 (a)		CFU/100 mL	1
Coliform, Total, Colilert Method	12	U	5	U	100 (a) 0 (b)		MPN/100 mL	1
Copper **	U	U	U	U		1300 (e) 1000 (f)	UG/L	3.0
Fluoride ⁽³⁾	U	U	U	0.59	4 (b)		MG/L	0.02
Hardness ⁽²⁾	7.2	7.3	13.4	14.7			MG/L	0.194
Iron **	18.1	18.5	13.4	14.7		300 (c)	UG/L	6.0
Lead	U	U	U	0.1		15 (e)	UG/L	0.05
Magnesium	509	486	820	829			UG/L	35
Manganese	6.02	5.28	5.00	2.73		50 (c) 300 (g)	UG/L	0.1
Mercury ⁽¹⁾	U	U	U	U	2 (b)		UG/L	0.05
Nickel	U	U	U	U			UG/L	0.5
Nitrate-N	0.009	U	0.044	0.052	10 (b)		MG/L	0.005
Nitrite	U	U	U	0.005	1 (b)		MG/L	0.005
Orthophosphate	0.005	0.008	0.006	0.008			MG/L	0.0025
pH	6.9	7.3	7.1	9.7			S.U.	
Potassium	516	512	843	872			UG/L	200
Selenium	U	U	U	U	50 (b)		UG/L	1.0
Silica (SiO2)	2000	2040	2410	2720			UG/L	200.0
Silver	U	U	U	U		100 (c)	UG/L	1.0
Sodium	5.2	6.0	13.3	31.3			MG/L	0.2
Specific Conductance	51	55	110	186			UMHO/cm	0.3
Standard Plate Count, HPC	8	U	9	U	500 (b)		CFU/mL	1
Sulfate (SO4)	3.9	4.0	5.4	6.3		250 (c)	MG/L	1.0
Thallium	U	U	U	U	2 (b)		UG/L	0.3
Total Dissolved Solids	32.0	38.0	71.0	96.0		500 (c)	MG/L	13
Total Organic Carbon	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.3			MG/L	0.3
Total Phosphorus	U	U	U	U			MG/L	0.05
UV-254	0.018	0.014	0.035	0.031			A/cm	0.000965
Zinc **	2.5	U	U	1.9		5000 (c)	UG/L	1.5

(a) = Primary MCL standard (health related), applies to source (raw) water only. DEP "Drinking Water Regulations", 310CMR 22.00. Fecal standard takes precedence when both fecal and total coliform are tested.
 (b) = Primary MCL standard (health related). DEP "Drinking Water Regulations", 310CMR 22.00. Applies to samples of treated water downstream of Wachusett and Quabbin Reservoirs. Most based on annual average.
 (c) = Secondary MCL standard (aesthetic related). DEP "Drinking Water Regulations", 310CMR 22.00.
 (d) = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level. DEP "Drinking Water Regulations", 310CMR 22.00. Based on annual average.
 (e) = Refers to 90th percentile Action Level. Lead results will vary at your home dependent on household plumbing.
 (f) = Refers to a single sample, secondary MCL.
 (g) = DEP Advisory Level, reference www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/drinking/alpha/i-thru-z/mangfactsheet.pdf

U = Less than method reporting limit
 MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level
 ☐ = Not Applicable
 S.U. = Standard Units

CFU = Colony Forming Unit
 NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
 MG/L = milligrams per liter = parts per million
 UG/L = micrograms per liter = parts per billion

MPN = Most Probable Number
 HPC = Heterotrophic Plate Count (48 Hrs @ 35 °C)
 ** = Metal results may be elevated due to local plumbing at the sample tap.
Bold Italics = Samples from February
 Regular Font = Quarterly results from January samples

Samples listed are monthly samples taken from single grab samples on February 1 and 2, 2016.

NOTES:
 (1) Due to MWRA lab equipment having higher sensitivity, MWRA's tests for several parameters are more sensitive than the EPA-set levels of detection and reporting. For example, the EPA minimum detection limit for cadmium is 1 ug/L and 0.2 ug/L for mercury, and MWRA lab tests and reports at lower than these detection limits.
 (2) MWRA water is considered soft. Water hardness is characterized by the amount of dissolved minerals in the water, in particular calcium and magnesium. MWRA water has a hardness of about 15-20 mg/l or about 1 grain/gallon (1 grain/gallon = 17.1 mg/L). For comparison, hard water would have greater than 75 mg/l hardness.

APPENDIX D

FEB 14, 2012

Bring Back The Water Fountain

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By Nancy Stoner

Last summer I was walking through the French Quarter of New Orleans. It was a hot, steamy summer day and I was thirsty, so I looked for a water fountain. After several blocks of searching, I realized that while there is a bar on every corner, there are no drinking fountains in sight. The lack of public water fountains is not unique to New Orleans – water fountains have been disappearing from public spaces throughout the country over the last few decades. And with the loss of drinking fountains also comes a loss of public knowledge about the importance of investing in drinking water systems, which provide dependable, affordable and clean water.

Reinvigorating public water fountains provides a variety of benefits. They provide a service to residents and tourists who need a drink of clean water. They provide an alternative to sodas and other high-sugar drinks for children, both in schools and around town. When old, broken-down drinking fountains are restored it preserves historic relics of our cities.

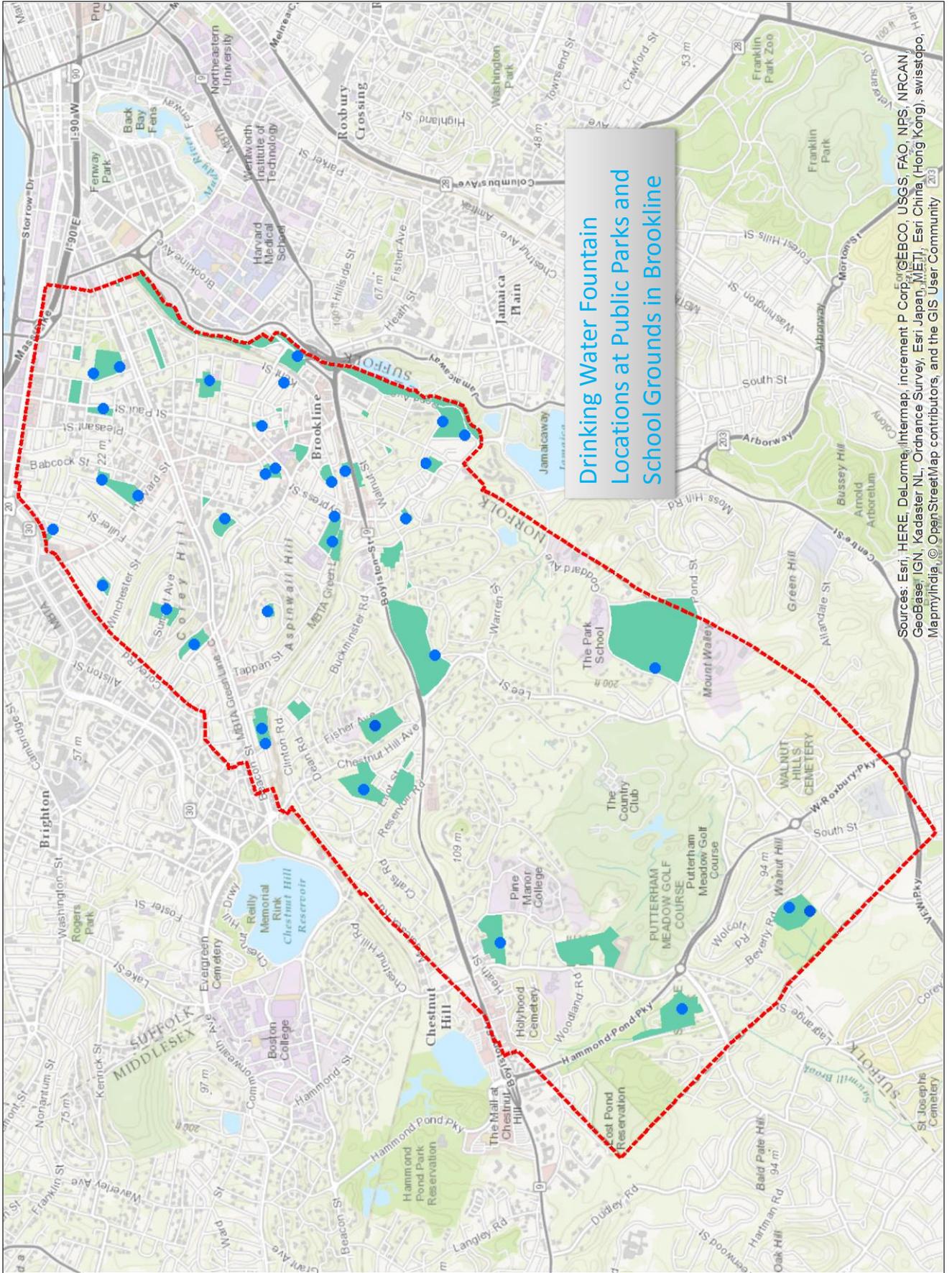
Water fountains can also save money. The U.S. provides some of the highest quality tap water in the world at a very low cost to consumers. Municipalities work hard to provide this service, spending billions of dollars to provide clean tap water, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. On average, the cost to treat, filter and deliver tap water is [0.2 cents per gallon – roughly 750-2,700 times less expensive](#) [Exit](#) than bottled water. In spite of this cost difference, [Americans drink around 30 gallons of bottled water per person per year](#) [Exit](#). And with one estimate that 1,500 bottles of water are consumed in the U.S. every second, this is a huge amount going into the recycling and waste stream. Since cities bear the cost of collecting, transporting, recycling and land-filling plastic bottles, reducing this stream could save city resources.

Many cities are taking action. Minneapolis, New York City, San Francisco and [Washington, D.C.](#) [Exit](#) are encouraging residents to drink tap water, in part by reinvigorating public water fountains. EPA is also working with mayors across the country through the U.S. Conference of Mayors to promote the value of public water fountains.

Growing up, many of us remember getting thirsty and finding the nearest drinking fountain. It's time to reinvigorate and celebrate our public water system and the clean, safe drinking water we have. It's time to bring back the water fountain.

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APPENDIX E



Drinking Water Fountain
Locations at Public Parks and
School Grounds in Brookline

Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, MELI, Esri China, (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

APPENDIX F

4/6/2016 0:00

Address Bubblers on site

<u>School/ Department</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bubblers on site</u>
1 Baker School	205 Beverly Rd.	12
2 Baldwin School	490 Heath Street	1
3 Devotion School	345 Harvard St.	10
4 Driscoll School	64 Westbourne Ter.	11
5 Heath School	100 Eliot St.	8
6 Lawrence School	27 Francis St.	10
7 Lynch Recreation Center	599 Brookline Ave.	6
8 New Lincoln School	25 Kennard Rd.	10
9 Old Lincoln School	194 Boylston St.	0
10 Pierce Primary	32 Pierce St.	3
11 Pierce School	50 School St.	9
12 Runkle School	50 Druce St.	12

13 High School	115 Greenough St.	20
14 Physical Education Building	66 Tappan St.	4
15 Unified Arts Building	46 Tappan St.	4

Fire Department

16 Fire Station No. 1	140 Washington St.	1
17 Fire Station No. 4	827 Boylston St.	1
18 Fire Station No. 5	49 Babcock St.	1
19 Fire Station No. 6	962 Hammond St.	1
20 Fire Station No. 7	665 Washington St.	1

Recreation Dept.

21 Eliot Rec. Center	133 Eliot St.	2
22 Putterham Golf Club	1281 W. Roxbury Pk.	2
23 Soule Gym	436 Hammond St.	1
24 Soule Rec. Center	625 Hammond St.	2
25 Gardener's Shed	425 Hammond St.	1
26 Swimming Pool	60 Tappan St.	1

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School/ Department Address Bubblers on site

DPW - Park Department

27 5 Larz Anderson Pavillion/Rink 353 Godard Ave. 1

Department of Public Works

28 1 New Municipal Garage 870 Hammond St. 1
29 5 Water Department Garage 44 Netherlands Rd. 1

Brookline Library Trustees

30 1 Coolidge Corner Library 31 Pleasant St. 2
31 2 Main Library 361 Washington St. 4
32 3 Putterham Branch Library 959 W. Roxbury Pk. 1

Council on Aging

33 1 Senior Center 93 Winchester St. 3

Building Department

34 1 Health Center 11 Pierce St. 3
35 2 Town Hall 333 Washington St. 13
36 3 Public Safety Bldg 350 Washington St. 5

APPENDIX G



 FILTER STATUS 

 High quality activated carbon

 removes chlorine taste

 improves water taste

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 WATERBOOST

ART

 AUDITORIUM

 COMPUTER

 MUSIC

 THIRD GRADE

 FOURTH GRADE

 FIFTH GRADE

 ELEVATOR

 STAIRS

VICE PRINC

 SIXTH GRADE

 SEVENTH GRADE

 EIGHTH GRADE

 ELEVATOR

 STAIRS









APPENDIX H

SITE	Quantity	On Site Location
Lawrence School	4	Each Floor, 1 near Auditorium
Heath School	2	Each Floor, 1 near Auditorium
High School	5	3rd Floor (2), 2nd floor (2), Schluntz (1), 1 near Aud.
Tappan	1	Basement
UAB	2	inside Shluntz
	1	Upper Gym 1 in Main Area
	1	1 Main Floor
Runkle School	3	Gym/Café/2nd Floor/1 main Aud.
Devotion School	2	2nd Floor, 3rd Floor, 1 near Aud.
Baker School	4	1 near Auditorium
Pierce School	4	Primary, Gym Hallway, Café, 62 Harvard 1 near Aud.,
Driscoll School	1	2nd Floor, 1 near Aud.
New Lincoln School	1	Gym
Baldwin School	2	1 near cafeteria/Auditorium
Lynch Recreation	1	1 near Offices
Soule Recreation	6	Gym, 2nd Floor, 1 near Main area
Eliot Recreation	2	1 in Meeting area
Larz Skating Rink	1	1 in Meeting area
Town Hall	1	Basement
Main Library	2	Each Floor, 1 near meeting room
Putterham Library	1	1 in meeting area
Coolidge Library	1	1 in Main Floor meeting
Municipal Garage	1	1 in meeting area
Water Department	1	1 in Main Floor meeting
Senior Center	1	1 in meeting area
Public Safety	1	1 near meeting area
Health Center	1	2 near meeting area
Golf Course	2	
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26 Buildings

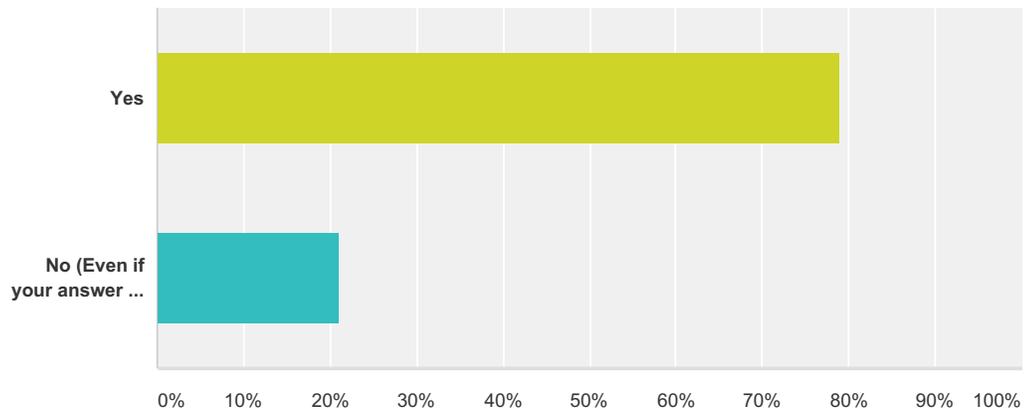
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APPENDIX J

Plastic Bottle Ban in Brookline?

Q1 Do you drink beverages out of plastic bottles?

Answered: 548 Skipped: 2

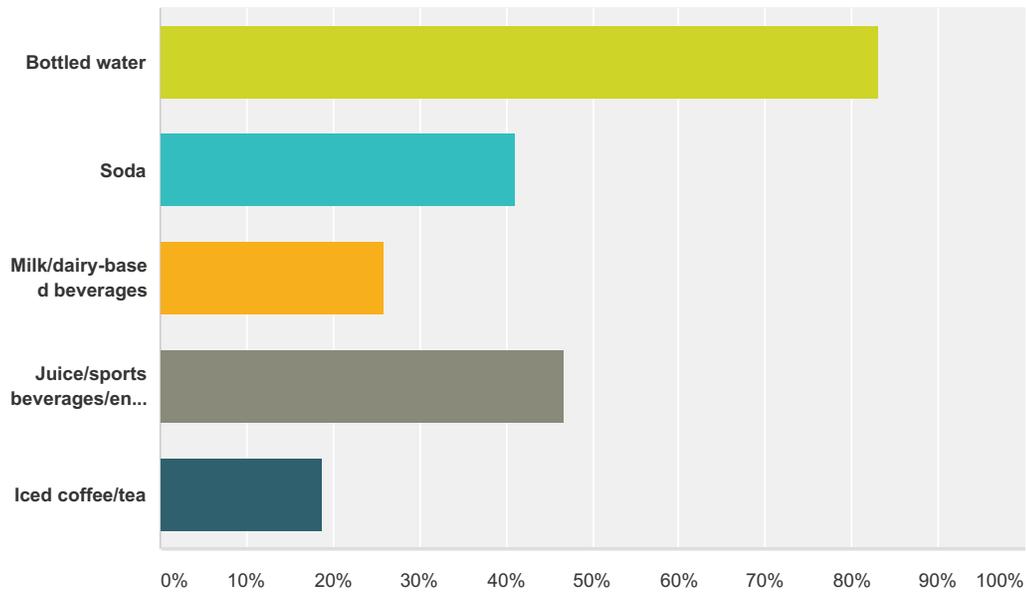


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.01%	433
No (Even if your answer is "No", we still need your feedback on other questions.)	20.99%	115
Total		548

Plastic Bottle Ban in Brookline?

Q2 What beverages do you drink out of plastic bottles?

Answered: 446 Skipped: 104



Answer Choices	Responses
Bottled water	83.18% 371
Soda	41.03% 183
Milk/dairy-based beverages	25.78% 115
Juice/sports beverages/energy drinks	46.86% 209
Iced coffee/tea	18.83% 84
Total Respondents: 446	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Sparkling water	4/5/2016 6:33 AM
2	We do not buy beverages in single-serving plastic bottles.	4/4/2016 9:03 AM
3	I refill an old bottle with tap water.	4/3/2016 1:50 PM
4	Mostly water, bought mainly at Stop & Shop, but occasionally I'll buy a bottle of fresh squeezed orange juice at Wegmans.	4/2/2016 5:02 PM
5	sparkling water	4/2/2016 10:11 AM
6	An occasional Kale smoothie from whole foods.	3/31/2016 10:28 PM
7	Are you expecting me to drive to a Newton or Brighton grocery store to buy cranberry juice that I must drink on a daily basis and have been for 43 years to prevent urinary tract infections.	3/31/2016 7:44 PM
8	Note on question 3: On average I drink much FEWER than 1 bottle per day. Why is that not an option? Do you expect everyone to drink zero OR 365 bottles PER YEAR? That is absurd.	3/31/2016 9:55 AM
9	Sparkling water	3/29/2016 3:42 PM
10	I don't use plastic throwaway bottles	3/29/2016 2:29 PM

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11	if you count milk containers as plastic bottles	3/28/2016 7:57 PM
12	I carry bottled water in the car...we do not use it at home. I use perhaps one small bottle a week.	3/28/2016 6:01 PM
13	gatorade	3/28/2016 9:12 AM
14	None	3/28/2016 8:29 AM
15	This survey has a problem...question 3 below does not allow a person to say they drink <1 bottle per day...I only drink from plastic bottles on occasion.	3/27/2016 10:39 PM
16	Juices	3/27/2016 10:24 PM
17	I use a refillable container for water	3/27/2016 10:06 PM
18	I refill ones I have. I do not buy them. I hope the survey lets us express that in data fields for analysis. I shall write I drink 2. But I reuse the bottles.	3/27/2016 3:53 PM
19	Only when nothing else is available, such as milk cartons.	3/27/2016 6:56 AM
20	not regularly but do drink out of plastic	3/26/2016 11:45 AM
21	I consume such drinks only occasionally.	3/26/2016 11:26 AM
22	I use a Soda Stream for carbonated water and then use a CamelBak bottle for traveling with water.	3/26/2016 9:15 AM
23	I rarely (1-2/month) drink soda out of plastic bottles	3/25/2016 8:49 PM
24	Seltzer	3/25/2016 7:58 PM
25	We do our best to use glass instead. We sometimes buy large plastic bottles of juice& dispense it into reusable portable containers or glasses.	3/25/2016 7:14 PM
26	Seltzer	3/25/2016 1:59 PM
27	seltzer	3/25/2016 1:26 PM
28	Only on occaaion	3/25/2016 1:16 PM
29	Technically we also drink soda (carbonated water only) out of plastic bottles, but those are the reusable ones that go with our SodaStream. For the purposes of this survey, I'm assuming you mean "single-use" plastic bottles.	3/25/2016 1:14 PM
30	sparkling water	3/25/2016 11:46 AM
31	Carbonated water, but infrequently (less than 1/week)	3/25/2016 11:10 AM
32	In some occasions, when no tap water is available, or when traveling, I drink bottled water. I don't think it reasonable to force people to drink soda or other caned/glass bottled drinks!	3/25/2016 10:04 AM
33	I reuse them	3/25/2016 9:07 AM
34	occasionally	3/25/2016 9:05 AM
35	Milk in 1.5 L container	3/25/2016 8:42 AM
36	Sparkling bottle water (also out of cans)	3/25/2016 8:13 AM
37	Once in a great while I may buy a plastic bottle of water if I am on the road	3/24/2016 9:40 PM
38	I rarely drink from a plastic bottle, but I do very periodically. You don't allow for that option.	3/24/2016 9:25 PM
39	very occasional bottled water	3/24/2016 8:27 PM
40	My sports drink is bottled water with electrolytes.	3/24/2016 7:34 PM
41	Distilled water	3/24/2016 6:47 PM
42	Seltzer	3/24/2016 6:39 PM
43	Mostly, I drink seltzer water out of plastic bottles. If I drink still water, then I try to get that from the tap.	3/24/2016 6:13 PM
44	When I am traveling	3/24/2016 4:44 PM
45	Fancy/specialty drinks.	3/24/2016 4:29 PM
46	None. I have a thermos and various reusable/recyclable containers.	3/24/2016 4:21 PM
47	None	3/24/2016 3:46 PM

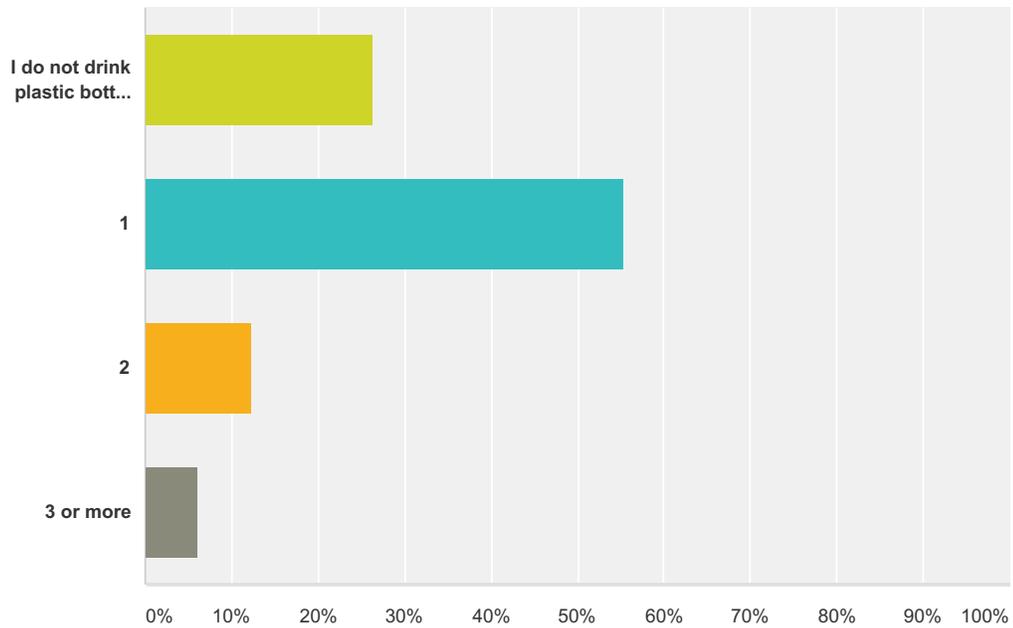
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48	Reusable water bottle.	3/24/2016 3:43 PM
49	Seldom drink from plastic bottles but I find them handy as needed.	3/24/2016 3:16 PM
50	Occasionally!! Much less than one per day.	3/24/2016 3:06 PM
51	seltzer	3/24/2016 3:06 PM
52	I really try not to buy drinks in plastic bottles unless it's a bulk size.	3/24/2016 2:57 PM
53	Usage is only occasional - perhaps once every couple of months - as I feel the urge, which isn't often (in comparison to other urges).	3/24/2016 2:52 PM
54	Apple Cider and Orange juice from Whole Foods.	3/24/2016 2:46 PM
55	Sparkling water/seltzer if away from home	3/24/2016 2:31 PM
56	Seltzer	3/24/2016 2:23 PM
57	If I did, it would be soda only, and only very occasionally. Tax that stuff to death, it is poison.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
58	Very very rarely (maybe 4 bottles a year)	3/24/2016 2:10 PM
59	I don't drink out of individual sized bottles but out of liter and gallon size plastics. I was not sure if the question refers to individual size bottles only.	3/24/2016 2:09 PM
60	Sparkling water as well as still water	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
61	I do not prefer to drink from plastic bottles, so my average is way less than one per day. The next question is biased.	3/24/2016 1:59 PM
62	VERY occasionally, water	3/24/2016 1:54 PM
63	From the st of beverage above, I drink only water, coffee and tea. However, I prepare my coffe and tea at home. If I need to buy bottled water outside the house, I buy it in glass bottle such as "Voss".	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
64	Fizzy water mostly	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
65	I very occasionally purchase bottled water. Usually, I fill my own bottle with water & carry it with me.	3/24/2016 1:29 PM
66	on rare occations, when i do use a plastic bottle, i have been traveling and have bought iced tea.	3/24/2016 1:22 PM
67	(mostly bottled seltzer water)	3/24/2016 1:17 PM
68	Not regularly. Only buy water on random occasions. Typically use reusable bottle.	3/24/2016 1:14 PM
69	Seltzer	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
70	This wording of this survey is going to cause massive confusion if it is not fixed quickly, and invalidate the results. I use a REUSABLE plastic bottle every day to drink my water. The first question, and further questions do not make this distinction clear. The question should be reworded to "Do you drink beverages out of disposable plastic bottles" and "On average, how many disposable plastic bottles do you drink per day?" etc.	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
71	Seltzer	3/24/2016 12:58 PM
72	none	3/24/2016 12:57 PM
73	Seltzer water	3/24/2016 12:56 PM
74	I refill them multiple times with tap water before they finally wear out.	3/24/2016 12:55 PM
75	I drink carbonated bottled water.	3/24/2016 12:50 PM
76	Seltzer / club soda. But I don't drink anything in plastic bottles on a daily, or even weekly, basis.	3/24/2016 12:43 PM
77	Occasionally we purchase seltzer or fizzy water at the grocery.	3/24/2016 12:41 PM
78	rarely	3/24/2016 12:41 PM
79	Larger 1 liter sparkling water poured into 4 glasses at dinner each night. (Whole Foods sells them in 6 packs.)	3/24/2016 12:40 PM
80	seltzer	3/24/2016 12:37 PM
81	I buy tomato juice in large bottles. I only drink tap water.	3/24/2016 12:33 PM
82	Sparkling water	3/24/2016 12:26 PM
83	Sparkling water	3/24/2016 12:12 PM

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Q3 On average, how many plastic bottles do you drink per day? (This does not include glass bottles.)

Answered: 511 Skipped: 39

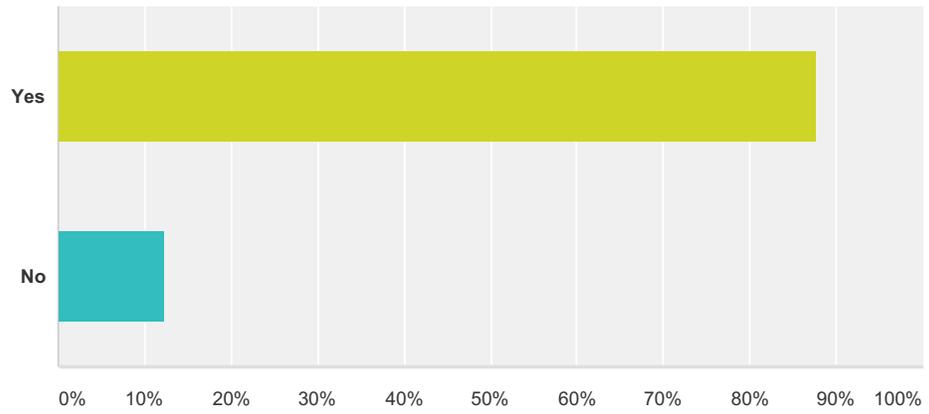


Answer Choices	Responses	
I do not drink plastic bottled beverages	26.22%	134
1	55.38%	283
2	12.33%	63
3 or more	6.07%	31
Total		511

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Q4 Do you drink tap-water?

Answered: 548 Skipped: 2

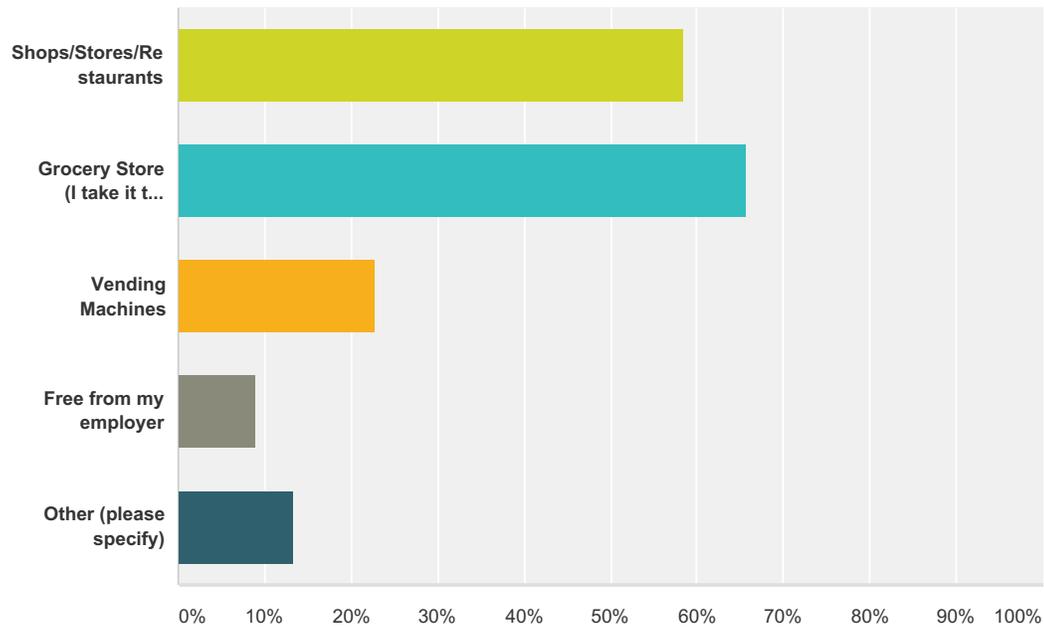


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	87.59%	480
No	12.41%	68
Total		548

Plastic Bottle Ban in Brookline?

Q5 Where do you get your plastic bottles from? (Select more than one if necessary.)

Answered: 488 Skipped: 62



Answer Choices	Responses
Shops/Stores/Restaurants	58.40% 285
Grocery Store (I take it to school/work)	65.78% 321
Vending Machines	22.75% 111
Free from my employer	9.02% 44
Other (please specify)	13.32% 65
Total Respondents: 488	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	BJ's	4/4/2016 8:31 PM
2	Events if I haven't brought my own	4/4/2016 3:39 PM
3	We do not buy beverages in single-serving plastic bottles.	4/4/2016 9:03 AM
4	I save ones that I get from places that only have bottled water.	4/3/2016 1:50 PM
5	Airport/when traveling.	4/2/2016 10:53 AM
6	delivered from Poland Springs	4/2/2016 10:11 AM
7	delivery from Poland Spring	4/1/2016 5:23 PM
8	Free at meetings	4/1/2016 1:38 PM
9	Buy big packs to keep at home	4/1/2016 7:36 AM
10	I do not take plastic bottled water or juice to work. I only pour from a large bottle at home.	3/31/2016 7:44 PM
11	Meetings	3/31/2016 6:15 PM

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12	i buy @ supermarket to have handy at home to take out. durring summer we go through more	3/31/2016 5:32 PM
13	Question 4 you didn't ask if people use filters (Britta etc) before drinking tap water. Everyone I know uses one.	3/31/2016 4:31 PM
14	Brookline High School beverage purchases	3/31/2016 10:44 AM
15	only if we can't drink tap water, we purchase bottled water at stores	3/31/2016 10:06 AM
16	Amazon	3/29/2016 8:54 PM
17	Don't use plastic bottles	3/29/2016 2:29 PM
18	Ready Refresh (formerly Poland Springs) delivery	3/28/2016 5:44 PM
19	Nowhere	3/28/2016 8:29 AM
20	I use less than 1 bottle per day (this response was an option in question #3 above, so I left 3 blank.	3/28/2016 8:29 AM
21	Doctors office, some clothing shops, target , costxo	3/27/2016 10:24 PM
22	my kitchen, where I store a few empties	3/27/2016 3:53 PM
23	Can't remember the last time I got one.	3/27/2016 6:56 AM
24	delivered by commercial company (Poland Spring)	3/26/2016 1:13 PM
25	This and other questions don't take into account things like occasional and variable consumption.	3/26/2016 11:26 AM
26	I buy bottled water occasionally and then refill the bottle many times with tap water.	3/26/2016 10:27 AM
27	N/A	3/26/2016 10:10 AM
28	Do not use them - bring my own water in a CamelBak bottle	3/26/2016 9:15 AM
29	free at the car dealership	3/26/2016 8:14 AM
30	On occasion from stores but very rarely.	3/25/2016 11:10 PM
31	Again, we don't buy SINGLE SERVE plastic bottles, but we do buy large plastic juice bottles due to lack of choice.	3/25/2016 7:14 PM
32	hospital cafeteria	3/25/2016 12:37 PM
33	Infrequently purchase bottled water.	3/25/2016 11:50 AM
34	Sometimes available where I volunteer.	3/25/2016 11:12 AM
35	meetings and open houses	3/25/2016 9:05 AM
36	I buy milk from grocery stores	3/25/2016 8:42 AM
37	Water delivery	3/25/2016 8:07 AM
38	save and use bottles more than once	3/25/2016 12:46 AM
39	Costco	3/24/2016 6:58 PM
40	Again, I don't buy still water in plastic bottles. Rather, I use tap water (filtered) if I want still water.	3/24/2016 6:13 PM
41	Delivery	3/24/2016 6:08 PM
42	At events.	3/24/2016 4:57 PM
43	No plastic bottles	3/24/2016 4:02 PM
44	Amazon. PS I checked 1 drink/day, but really drink less--maybe 2 bottles/week, but couldn't show that for question 3.	3/24/2016 3:55 PM
45	I try to reuse any plastic bottle I buy. My answer under #3 is not accurate. Most weeks I buy one and reuse that bottle for as long as I can, which is usually at least one week. I have bought containers to house my water, but since I have to walk around with my bag all day (I do not sit at a desk for the most part) those containers with my computer is just heavy to carry around. The 16 ounce plastic bottles i.e. poland springs are lighter, but again I just try to reuse it. If I go to a meeting and water or a soda (soda even more rare) is served, I will take that so that may increase my weekly use of plastic bottles.	3/24/2016 3:43 PM
46	Delivery	3/24/2016 2:57 PM
47	Big box stores like BJ's, then take the bottles with me to work for consumption throughout the day.	3/24/2016 2:53 PM
48	Broker open houses	3/24/2016 2:52 PM

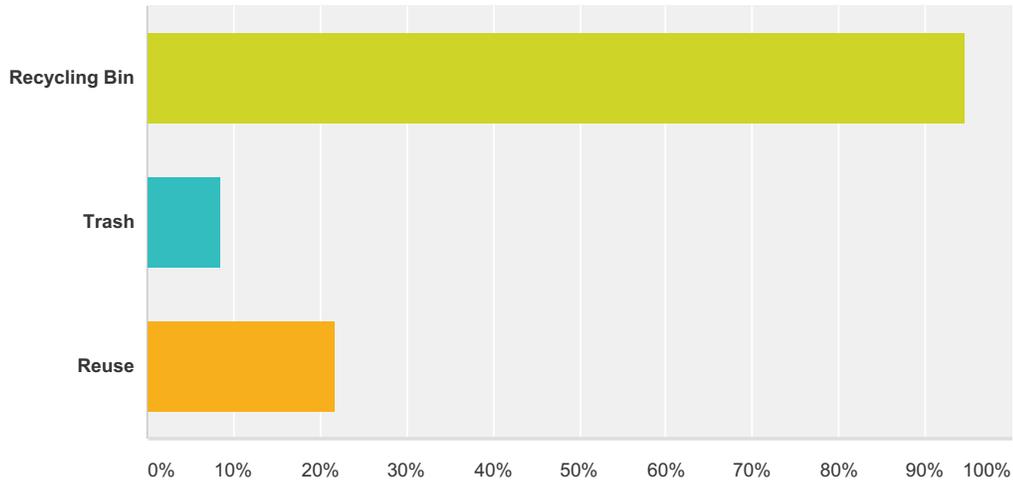
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49	Whole Foods, and we use two half-gallons a week.	3/24/2016 2:46 PM
50	Grocery store - but not to take to WORK!	3/24/2016 2:23 PM
51	Conferences, etc. All of these checked occurrences are rare events.	3/24/2016 2:21 PM
52	Also, I drink less than one bottle of water a day.	3/24/2016 2:20 PM
53	Meetings where water is supplied to participants	3/24/2016 2:15 PM
54	I do not buy plastic bottles.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
55	I have my own that I refill. It is made out of a good kind of plastic.	3/24/2016 2:07 PM
56	Sometimes from convenience stores if I need some water on the go out for a child.	3/24/2016 1:59 PM
57	I do not buy water and many other food in plastic.	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
58	As above only very occasionally.	3/24/2016 1:14 PM
59	I'd add an "N/A" to this question for clarity, and to the next question. This wording of this survey is going to cause massive confusion if it is not fixed quickly, and invalidate the results. I use a REUSABLE plastic bottle every day to drink my water. The first question, and further questions do not make this distinction clear. The question should be reworded to "Do you drink beverages out of disposable plastic bottles" and "On average, how many disposable plastic bottles do you drink per day?" etc.	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
60	When I do, which is rarely	3/24/2016 12:59 PM
61	none	3/24/2016 12:57 PM
62	Only occasionally from a shop, store or restaurant.	3/24/2016 12:55 PM
63	I refill bottles I've received free. Less than 1 a week	3/24/2016 12:50 PM
64	Convenience stores when on the run.	3/24/2016 12:48 PM
65	I have a water cooler in my office from Poland Springs and get sparkling water from them.	3/24/2016 12:26 PM

Plastic Bottle Ban in Brookline?

Q6 If and when you finish your plastic bottled beverage, how do you dispose of it?

Answered: 518 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses
Recycling Bin	94.59% 490
Trash	8.49% 44
Reuse	21.81% 113
Total Respondents: 518	

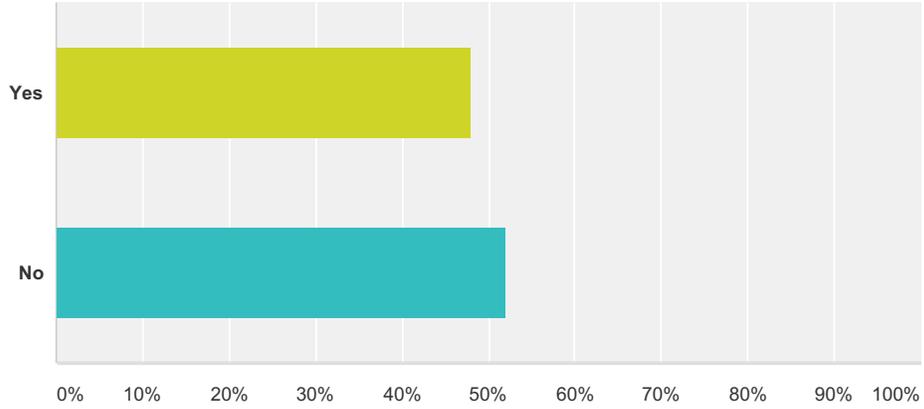
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I often buy large gallon bottles and refill my small plastic bottle	4/3/2016 5:21 PM
2	I don't reuse water bottles anymore because my understanding is that PET 1 bottles quickly begin to leach into contents upon reuse.	3/31/2016 10:44 AM
3	n/a	3/29/2016 2:29 PM
4	The garbage men take the garbage and the recycling together...	3/29/2016 11:23 AM
5	I return the relevant plastic bottles for deposit.	3/28/2016 9:13 AM
6	Again there is a problem with this survey...question 7...I already have a reusable bottle....	3/27/2016 10:39 PM
7	Sometimes I throw away if no recycling bin available. For example, some small shops like Cutty's don't have readily available recycling bin.	3/27/2016 9:50 PM
8	Return to store for \$.05 deposit	3/27/2016 9:49 PM
9	Both re-use and recycling	3/26/2016 11:26 AM
10	After reuse several times, I recycle.	3/26/2016 10:27 AM
11	Unless I can't find one, and can't carry it with me.	3/26/2016 8:12 AM
12	reuse multiple times then recycle	3/25/2016 12:37 PM
13	And eventually recycle	3/25/2016 9:07 AM
14	I understand they may not be safe to reuse	3/25/2016 9:05 AM
15	Trash only if recycling is unavailable where I am.	3/24/2016 11:10 PM

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16	Reuse, then recycle	3/24/2016 7:34 PM
17	Return for bottle deposit	3/24/2016 7:31 PM
18	Sometimes reuse.	3/24/2016 6:58 PM
19	The bottle goes in the trash if there is no recycling box.	3/24/2016 6:13 PM
20	I refill the same one over and over	3/24/2016 4:53 PM
21	Trash when recycling isn't available.	3/24/2016 4:50 PM
22	Or I reuse it	3/24/2016 4:44 PM
23	I use plastic bottles like others would use any other type of reusable bottle: I refill it with tap water over and over again.	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
24	Return for deposit	3/24/2016 4:21 PM
25	I recycle or reuse everything!!	3/24/2016 4:21 PM
26	And when no longer useable, I usually recycle, but sometimes there is not a bin nearby	3/24/2016 3:43 PM
27	I have a few old water bottles that originally contained "spring water" for sale. I use these as permanent bottles, refilling as necessary.	3/24/2016 3:29 PM
28	RETURNABLES to the store!	3/24/2016 2:23 PM
29	Return to store for deposit refund.	3/24/2016 2:16 PM
30	If there's a deposit on the bottle, I return it to the store	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
31	I appreciate that many shops have started adding recycling - and that Brookline has recycling receptacles on the streets. If it were easy to return bottles for a deposit, that could be another good option - not just for water but all plastic bottles.	3/24/2016 1:59 PM
32	It depends, of course. If I paid a container deposit, I will return the bottle and get my money back. If there was no deposit, I will put it into a recycling bin.	3/24/2016 1:57 PM
33	If I see one plastic bottled beverage empty, I recycle it.	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
34	My apartment building doesn't have recycling and I don't know how to get them to start :(So I usually take my bottles to a bottle return if I can.	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
35	I usually refill it with another beverage because it's easier to take to work. I use it probably 4 or 5 times for non water drinks then will drink another water and do it again	3/24/2016 1:38 PM
36	If available, otherwise the trash	3/24/2016 12:59 PM

Q7 If there were more filling stations in town, would you buy yourself a reusable bottle to fill up?

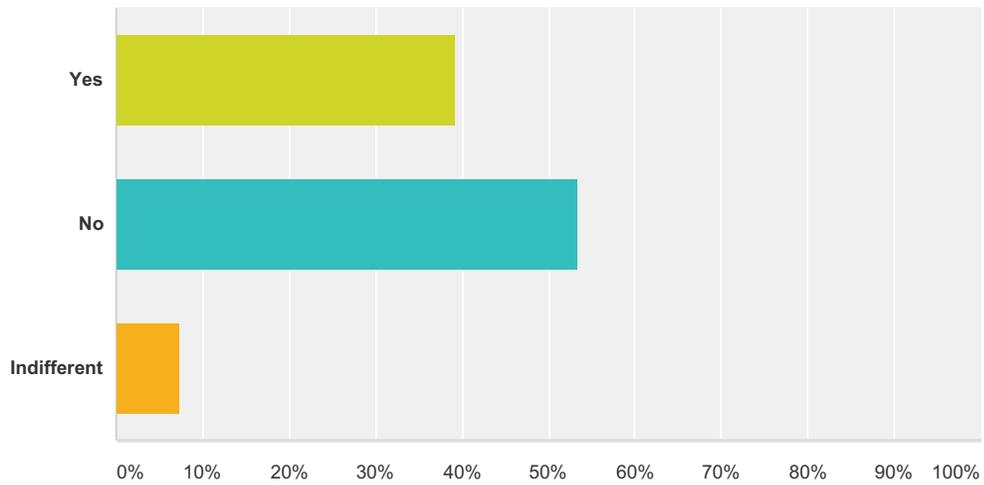
Answered: 532 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	48.12% 256
No	51.88% 276
Total	532

Q8 Would you be in favor of a ban on plastic bottles in Brookline?

Answered: 546 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	39.19% 214
No	53.48% 292
Indifferent	7.33% 40
Total	546

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Q9 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 290

#	Responses	Date
1	We recycle 100% of our bottles. I think this is going a little to far. Will the city provide filling stations for sparkling water? Will it be from the major brands and in the flavor we like? This seems like government reaching too far into the lives of people.	4/5/2016 6:33 AM
2	Ban would be impractical since Brookline has very few sales & distribution points compared to availability within even 5 miles. A regional or statewide ban would make more sense. Also, a state law should be passed that would force all plastic bottles sold in state to be made of recyclable materials and require mandatory recycling.	4/4/2016 8:31 PM
3	A ban on all plastic bottles, regardless of size or content? That would be an effective ban.	4/4/2016 4:17 PM
4	with small children, sometimes you need to buy liquids in plastic bottles	4/4/2016 4:00 PM
5	Am strongly in favor of banning as much plastic as possible!	4/4/2016 3:39 PM
6	I moved to Brookline from Concord, MA about 3 years ago. At the time, Concord had just passed a plastic bottle ban after several years of contentious town hearings and legal challenges. I can attest that businesses did not close, the world did not come to an end. Everything was fine, there is less plastic refuse in the trash and recycling, and perhaps most importantly, people's awareness of the environmental impact of the single-serve throwaway culture has been increased. I am fully in favor of a ban on single serving plastic bottles.	4/4/2016 9:03 AM
7	We moved from Concord which has a bottle ban. Despite much opposition when it was enacted (especially from water bottle companies which sent paid operatives to pose as interested citizens!) once it was in place the ban did not harm businesses or consumers. Some stores stocked water in boxes for out of town tourists/visitors and the residents transitioned to reusable bottles and tap water.	4/4/2016 7:44 AM
8	It is a matter of convenience and quality. If I am on the run I will get a bottle of water and keep it with me. As my schedule and location changes daily I can't count on a convenient place to fill up and then I don't know how clean that source may be. Also I do not spend most of my day in Brookline. I just always do my best to recycle the container.	4/3/2016 9:45 PM
9	Raise the deposits on plastic bottles so it would be 'pocketbook painful' to use them. We've spent time in many places without plastic bottles and after the first day we became quite well adjusted to it	4/3/2016 5:21 PM
10	An intensive educational campaign is necessary to convince people that our tap water is safer than bottled water.	4/3/2016 1:50 PM
11	Let's ban plastic bottles. A great idea!	4/3/2016 11:36 AM
12	Thank you for working towards phasing out unnecessary plastics!	4/3/2016 8:57 AM
13	I think it becomes a hardship on people to totally ban water in plastic bottles. It's hard enough to deal with a ban on plastic bags. The tap water is not good enough to drink here, it used to be, but it's not anymore.	4/2/2016 5:07 PM
14	I'm supposed to drink lots of water (previously had a kidney stone), and without bottled water, I'd find it impossible to do that.	4/2/2016 5:02 PM
15	As a person who works with companies that recycle the companies need the plastic to survive. There is a sustainable outlet for plastic that works and supports local economy. Research from behavioral psychologists show that bans may work short term for the specific material, but there is a negative bounce back after time and other recyclable materials also get disincentivized. MassDEP has banned a dozen materials for years, and our recycling rates are still stagnant. Bans do not really solve anything, as shown in MassDEP's own 2015 market survey. You need to instead focus on educating the public on proper recycling and not to contaminate. It is foolish to waste time on materials that already have a diversion outlet instead of trying to solve items that don't have a convenient outlet for citizens, like plastic films, ewase, organic food waste. Do that first!	4/2/2016 9:56 AM
16	question 3 does not allow for less then 1 daily or 3 per week	4/2/2016 9:01 AM
17	Please do NOT pass a ban on plastic water bottles in Brookline. I do not care for the taste of Brookline tap water; bottled water tastes better to me. I do not want to buy water; there is too much of a chance that the bottle would accidentally fall and my dog or I could accidentally step on pieces that I did not see to clean up. If a ban on plastic water bottles is passed in Brookline, I will spend money that I would have otherwise spent in our town in other towns and cities in order to purchase water in plastic bottles.	4/1/2016 8:02 PM

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18	I strongly oppose a ban. I do not drink soda or juice or ice tea, etc. I do not find it convenient to carry a refillable bottle. If I become thirsty I could not buy anything HEALTHY, non-caloric and non-chemically laden to drink -- at a store or from a machine -- if I when I was out of the house. Provide more recycling bins.	4/1/2016 5:23 PM
19	I might be in favor of a ban on small plastic bottles but the large plastic bottles of soda or milk I would not be in favor of banning. They would be too heavy. I think I would prefer an approach that encourages use of water bottles and cups more than banning the bottles as sometimes you really need a bottle of water.	4/1/2016 1:38 PM
20	Stop trying to control our lives	4/1/2016 11:41 AM
21	This is an incredibly privileged and	4/1/2016 7:36 AM
22	As above, I definitely agree to a ban on plastic bottles. But does this mean glass would be used, or paper cartons? Please advise. Thanx. Marie	4/1/2016 5:43 AM
23	Despite the fact that my family uses plastic bottles, we would wholeheartedly support a ban on plastic bottle sales in Brookline. Thanks!	3/31/2016 11:28 PM
24	Your survey unfortunately does not allow for "fewer than 1 per day" of "how many bottles per day do you drink." In general I refill one of several bottles that I own. However, if for some reason I am without it, then commercial bottled water is what I purchase and drink. I am vehemently opposed to this option being taken away in Brookline.	3/31/2016 11:17 PM
25	This is a bad idea. First, the larger problem we have is obesity. If you want to ban something, ban the sale of soda and sugary fruit juice and juice drinks/coffee drinks/ flavored milk. Bottled water is the only healthy alternative to all of these. If the promised water stations were a good idea they would already be in place, and also would have to extend nationwide for the ban to be viable. You would be better off providing many more recycling bins around the town, including parks/playgrounds, instead of just trash cans. If you want to fight a battle, fight to have the bottle bill include water bottles - and drinks like Gatorade etc. Then when the town empties all of those full recycling bins around town, they can redeem the bottles and fund the trash collections. Keep the water bottles!	3/31/2016 10:28 PM
26	You banned plastic bags that I used for my cat litter waste. Now all I do is recycle all the paper bags that stores are required to use. I also shop at grocery stores outside of Brookline in order to obtain plastic bags.	3/31/2016 7:44 PM
27	This survey is amateurish and biased. 1. It should be sent to every resident by mail. Only those behind the ban or who can decipher the poorly written TAB article which sends you to the website will access it. There has been NO ADVERTISING re this survey.2. Yes, I use plastic bottles, but not once a day. More like once a month. You don't consider occasional users. 3. I work at the polls. We get bottled water for dinner. If not that,we will be stuck with soda, bad for us and just as bad for the environment. 4.Look at the mess in Concord, MA. Rather than one more ban, and cheaper than tap water dispenses which are hard to maintain and often lead to unsanitary conditions, what about placing more trash cans around town. Walk down Babcock st - no place to drop trash bet. Beacon and Comm. Look at the big Centre St parking lot -one hard to find trash can near the theater, nothing at the northern end.	3/31/2016 6:15 PM
28	There is a point where a small community surrounded by other communities cannot exist in a vacuum. We doing soft drinks and dispose of them properly. If we have to buy them close by but out of Brookline we will still recycle. If Brookline refuses plastic bottles in recycling then we will crush and just add to trash sealed. How does that help anything?	3/31/2016 5:54 PM
29	this article is insane	3/31/2016 5:32 PM
30	Read TAB article. I never drink from a water fountain having seen what people do with do with dirty hands. Never get any from restaurants. Elderly friends want to be able to get a small bottle of H2O at an event. Enough social engineering.	3/31/2016 4:31 PM
31	A real problem but a ban is the WRONG way to try to solve it. We don't need more nanny-state regulations. Instead, I'd like more education about how good the Quabbin Reservoir is and how people are harming the environment and wasting money by buying bottled water.	3/31/2016 3:50 PM
32	I teach my children that plastic ends up in the ocean, thereby entering the food chain, killing wildlife and poisoning us. I support the bottle ban.	3/31/2016 10:44 AM
33	If Brookline bans plastic water bottles, residents will go out of the area to purchase them. Shouldn't we have more important things to worry about in Brookline?	3/31/2016 10:06 AM
34	Note on question 3: On average I drink MANY FEWER than 1 bottle per day. Why is that not an option? Do you expect everyone to drink either zero OR 365 bottles or more PER YEAR? That is absurd. Note on question 7: Do you not expect most people to already own refillable bottles? This is a weak question generally. What do you expect to learn from it??	3/31/2016 9:55 AM
35	This is a step too far. Our family is very rigorous about recycling the plastic bottles. That is enough.	3/31/2016 7:23 AM

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36	I purchase plastic bottled water infrequently, but usually just before I take long trips out of state. I also purchase small bottles when my grandchildren visit me and we take day trips (however, I put their names on the bottles, so that they can be refilled and reused more than once).. I usually have a couple of plastic bottles in my fridge, which I've re-filled with filtered tap water, and carry with me. When I attend the CC movie theater, I bring a plastic cup and fill it up with their free iced water (which is delicious). I am not in favor of banning all plastic bottle purchases in Brookline, because sometimes people need to purchase them, but if there were more places about town where bottles could be refilled for free (especially with COLD water), I would definitely use them.	3/30/2016 1:27 PM
37	I don't think it makes sense to ban things from town to town as many residents shop outside the town for groceries anyway. I prefer steps toward being more green that would allow residents to recycle more easily (such as collecting polystyrene foam and plastic bags/bubble wrap so we don't have to throw it away), starting to collect food scraps in compost bins, making sure that "all" waste bins in public spaces have recycling also (they don't now), and having the town work faster to make our streets more hospitable to bicyclists.	3/29/2016 8:54 PM
38	Get rid of deposits on bottles/cans all together. We can recycle.	3/29/2016 3:42 PM
39	Water is free and is a right. We should not have to pay corporations to rebottle what already belongs to us and then pollute with the plastic bottles.	3/29/2016 2:29 PM
40	I find it worrisome that every other month Brookline is discussing yet another regulation that 'might feel nice' but interferes in individuals' preferences and freedoms without material benefits for the community overall....	3/28/2016 11:21 PM
41	Why can I only answer that either I don't use plastic bottles, or I use at least 1 per day??? I'm sure many people that buy them use slightly less than 1 daily, especially in winter. I try to avoid them, but occasionally forget my water bottle or find myself tired when out & about and succumb to the caffeinated promise of a Diet Dr. Pepper. I probably average three plastic bottles per month.	3/28/2016 10:00 PM
42	Plastic is very bad for the environment, and we should try to find alternatives. I drink from a plastic bottle maybe 3-4/month. There was no place to account for this in the survey.	3/28/2016 8:51 PM
43	The PET plastic used in water bottles is recyclable into relatively high value-added end uses as opposed to many other plastics. While I support the ban of plastic bags, which are not easily recycled and often end up as litter, I do not support a ban on plastic water bottles.	3/28/2016 5:44 PM
44	Bottled water is very important to prepare formula for babies. Banning bottled water from stores could be a huge problem in that specific case.	3/28/2016 4:54 PM
45	I would be in favor of a plastic bottle ban if it is likely to be effective in curbing bottle water consumption and bottle waste. If, however, it just leads to the creation of more automobile trips (for example) out of Brookline then it seems unlikely to help the environment.	3/28/2016 3:59 PM
46	There are more important issues to worry about like teachers and paras working WITHOUT a CONTRACT!!!	3/28/2016 2:42 PM
47	We should increase town-wide recycling options rather than ban plastic containers/bottles.	3/28/2016 1:42 PM
48	I think town filling stations is a fantastic idea whereas a ban on plastic bottles would be a very problematic thing.	3/28/2016 9:34 AM
49	It's ludicrous to control how people choose to drink bottled beverages. We are adults who can make our own decisions. Feels like a communist or fascist society where government gives themselves unilateral right to control law abiding, tax paying adults!	3/28/2016 9:16 AM
50	What about installing the water fountains that have a dedicated spout for filling water bottles? There is one in the building that houses the Pierce School Loft/Gateway Arts/Benefitness.	3/28/2016 9:13 AM
51	Your survey questions do not deal with what I would believe to be more common circumstances. For example this question: "On average, how many plastic bottles do you drink per day? (This does not include glass bottles.)" I do not consume drinks in plastic bottles with enough frequency to count them on a per day basis and the 'never' answer doesn't apply either. It more like 1 every week on average. Additionally, my answer is 'No' to "f there were more filling stations in town, would you buy yourself a reusable bottle to fill up?" because I have about a half dozen water bottles that I already own. I wouldn't purchase more because I have plenty already as I would assume that many people do in our town.	3/28/2016 9:13 AM
52	Kids may not always remember to bring their reusable bottle all the time. When they play sports, water fountain is not always easily accessible in all parks at all seasons. The ban will also prohibit some fundraising events from selling bottled drinks.	3/28/2016 9:01 AM
53	Banning plastic bottles is a great step towards reducing unwanted trash and plastic bottles that do not get recycled.	3/28/2016 8:58 AM
54	Plastic bottles should have been banned long ago. I applaud this survey and am hopeful Brookline will make the right choice for our environment.	3/28/2016 8:29 AM

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55	When I am out with my children (often this is when eating lunch for a quick stop kind of meal) I would like the option of water for them and I to drink. if you ban bottles, then that means soda fountains as the choice. I would be very much against that. bottled water is a healthier option for my children than soda or juice. I purchase bottled water sparingly. I re-use the water bottles for picnics or other outings. Eventually, I recycle them. Reusable water bottles are often larger than the water bottles for purchase. Too much to carry around for a family of 5--and sharing water bottles can spread infection in the family. I don't like to do that. I am opposed banning all plastic bottles in the town of Brookline.	3/28/2016 8:29 AM
56	There are many other waste issues that Brookline should take on. This seems like a pointless vanity stance! How about a discussion re: the tremendous amount of construction and household waste that is generated and that the town continues to collect without any enforcement actions against the violaters	3/28/2016 8:18 AM
57	I care about our environment but don't believe that a heavy handed approach with an outright ban on plastic bottles is the way to solve this issue. Why not ban all 6 cylinder or 8 cylinder cars that are not fuel efficient and spew lots of pollutants into the air? Use incentives to change behavior and not an outright ban.	3/27/2016 11:18 PM
58	If a bottle ban is enacted I hope it is all plastic bottles and NOT just water. However, it seems unfeasible to ban plastic bottles. People will just buy them elsewhere if they want them.	3/27/2016 10:39 PM
59	Rediculous proposal to ban the sale of plastic water bottles. Please put the energy and focus of town selectman on more meaningful progressive initiatives.	3/27/2016 10:14 PM
60	It is ludicrous that the town of Brookline is even considering banning the sale of bottled water. It is overreaching for a government to ban or even consider the type of vessel its residents use to carry or purchase water. Don't you have something better to worry about? It is completely inane that human beings employed by the town of Brookline spent real time thinking through this new by law and decided to allow for the purchase of bottled sparkling water (which is water into which pressurized carbon dioxide has been dissolved) and allow for the purchase of bottled flavored water but not not allow for the purchase of bottled unflavored non-sparkling water. I'd be curious to understand where in the town of Brookline government's constitution it empowers the government to consider banning the purchase of certain types of bottled water. This is extremely unproductive activity by the town of Brookline and the people who work for it. These people should be doing something else with their time (and our tax payer dollars) that actually improves the quality of life in Brookline, or else they should not be working for the town. I think all the energy that went into this water bottle issue should be redeployed to improving Brookline's public schools, which while not a total disaster, have enormous room for improvement. I find the town of Brookline's prioritization of issues where it spend money an embarrassment.	3/27/2016 10:10 PM
61	Your survey does not allow for an answer of less than a bottle day--which I hope would capture many of the population who may only use bottles rarely or only if there is not another option available. I am in favour of this ban. In our neighbourhood the majority of litter is plastic bottles on the roadsides. We need to make it more difficult for people to use disposable plastic and easier to use a reusable products--making water bottles less accessible will help with this. Brookline needs to continue to take the lead on environmental issues and set successful examples for other communities.	3/27/2016 9:52 PM
62	People would just drive to Newton to buy it and demand for the product would remain the same.	3/27/2016 9:50 PM
63	How would a ban on plastic bottles have served the people of Flint? I recall a problem with our water in Brookline just a few years ago. I'll gladly contribute money to a campaign to defeat this ban and anyone who backs it. I've had enough of goddamned busybodies with nothing better to do. Try paving the streets properly before worrying about plastic water bottles. A ban will only encourage people to drink more soda.	3/27/2016 9:49 PM
64	It would be good to reduce the use of water bottles as much as possible and I think I support the ban. I am concerned that, at those rare moments when I need to drink (buy a bottle of) water when out and about, I may be limited to buying soda if there is no water to buy...	3/27/2016 9:47 PM
65	This is not an issue of the town	3/27/2016 9:45 PM
66	Refill station must have filtered water	3/27/2016 9:43 PM
67	It makes no sense to put a deposit on soda bottles but not water bottles. I would prefer to do both.	3/27/2016 9:33 PM
68	Admirable to take measures to try to curb waste and impact on environment, but must think of second order effects thoroughly. Banning just water bottles? Will this reduce people drinking healthy water as opposed to sugary juices or carbonated beverages? Where will fountains be...will they be more prevalent than just in a park perhaps? What is the strategy to change people's habits to drinking tsp it fountain water? Will public water fountains (outdoor as well as indoor) be filtered? Will plastic water bottle ban also ban 5 gallon water bottles for water coolers?	3/27/2016 11:20 AM
69	This can be done if we plan it correctly and educate the town.	3/27/2016 6:56 AM
70	Restricting plastic bottles is an infringement on people's rights. Plastic bottles of water are a necessary convenience in our way of life. People will shop for plastic bottles of water outside of Brookline. The Brookline stores will loose that revenue.	3/26/2016 9:14 PM

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71	There are times when I need to buy a snack or drink for my kids when I don't have a water bottle with me. If you ban plastic water bottles, then you will force me and others to buy more juice, soda, and other sugary drinks when water is what we want. I think this is a very bad idea.	3/26/2016 5:13 PM
72	No.	3/26/2016 3:11 PM
73	I buy spring water in 2.5 gal plastic containers delivered monthly to my home by a commercial distributor. I fill a glass from that to drink. When I want to take water with me outside, I fill a smaller plastic bottle that I reuse several times before recycling, or I use a metal reusable bottle. I always recycle the empty 2.5 gal containers. I would not want to be prevented from having water delivered. I don't drink soda or other beverages that come in plastic bottles.	3/26/2016 1:13 PM
74	It's not clear to me that the wax paper cartons are less environmentally costly than the plastic milk jugs. We've been using the latter. A half gallon lasts us about a week. So we use only a few. I also buy cottage cheese and yoghurt in plastic containers.	3/26/2016 12:25 PM
75	I don't drink a ton of water, but use my own bottle when I do. The same for my daughter. We buy bottled drinks very occasionally, but are pretty conscious recyclers when we do.	3/26/2016 12:21 PM
76	I think that banning water places an undue penalty on the water industry. The ban in other towns has led to people buy more soda in cans - this does not lead to less plastic but more metal. I think that more recycle bins, filling stations are necessary but banning the bottles is unnecessary	3/26/2016 11:45 AM
77	Since plastic bottles can be recycled, I don't have a strong objection to them. I think buying drinking water in plastic bottles is wasteful but some people may have valid reasons for getting their drinking water this way. Furthermore, while this survey seems to be motivated by this issue of bottled drinking water, some of the questions cover a broader array of plastic bottle uses and thereby seem to introduce a much wider range of issues.	3/26/2016 11:26 AM
78	I have lots of refillable bottles already, so adding refilling stations would not cause me to buy more, but I would certainly use the refilling stations. I've seen some nice ones in area parks.	3/26/2016 11:23 AM
79	I only consume bottled water when necessary/convenient (e.g., hot day and unexpected need for water) but I frequently consume soda in bottles/cans when out-and-about. One specifically good thing about bottles is that they can be closed/sealed, reducing the possibilities of spills and is more considerate to local shops as I go in and out.	3/26/2016 9:40 AM
80	An easy way to get people to use reusable bottles is to provide them to people - and they are especially useful if they have a logo on them - highlighting Brookline/s commitment to the environment. They can be sold as part of a fundraiser for instance.	3/26/2016 9:15 AM
81	Thank you for doing this!	3/26/2016 8:14 AM
82	I have family that lives in Concord , Ma and the plastic water bottle ban is going well there.	3/26/2016 8:12 AM
83	Before banning and changing the lifestyles of many families, a thorough study must be conducted for ROI and environmental impact	3/26/2016 7:45 AM
84	How will you control the quality of the water at filling stations?	3/25/2016 11:10 PM
85	Question/concern if refer to only single serve bottles or 1-2 L as well	3/25/2016 7:58 PM
86	I sometimes drink from plastic bottles, but I shouldn't. A ban will keep me in check - ban them!	3/25/2016 7:32 PM
87	I assume Q7 refers only to water. And Q3 is confusing since we don't ever buy single-serve plastic bottles but do buy large plastic bottles of juice. Thanks for considering this important issue.	3/25/2016 7:14 PM
88	You should have questions directed at those if us who use plastic bottles sparingly, only when there is no other alternative. I am ONLY in favor of this ban, if other sources if refilling reusable bottles become very readily available, especially for kids & when it's hot. Causing an entire town to dehydrate will hardly be a better alternative.	3/25/2016 3:50 PM
89	I use a reusable bottle now most times. Those few times I buy bottled water at stores in town is when I'm parched and forgot a bottle. It seems absurd to ban plastic WATER bottles before banning carbonated/sugar/etc plastic containers. A total ban on sales at all establishments also seems too far. If I buy an emergency gallon of water because there's a downed water main, is that vessel supposed to be glass? How heavy would a glass gallon jar be? Brookline's had several incidents where residents have been left without potable water. So filling stations isn't a viable way to be the sole source of buying or obtaining water in the town if you're not getting it from your own tap. Encourage reusable bottles, work on introducing more educational units on how bad plastic bottles are in school. But don't 100% ban their sale.	3/25/2016 3:30 PM
90	I have bottled water in my car for emergencies but regularly use my own reusable bottle for water.	3/25/2016 2:16 PM
91	I think this would make life VERY HARD for people who have children.	3/25/2016 1:54 PM
92	Enough with these types of laws.	3/25/2016 1:20 PM

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93	For the purposes of this survey, I'm assuming you mean "single-use" (and generally single-serving) plastic bottles. My family occasionally purchases a large bottle of juice, but there was no "less than 1" option for Question 3. We also drink soda (carbonated water only) that comes out of plastic bottles, but those are the reusable ones that go with our SodaStream. Questions 7 and 8 were impossible for me to answer in a meaningful way. Would I buy a reusable bottle to fill up if there were more filling stations in town? No - because I already own reusable bottles, so I would not buy more. But I don't think that "no" falls into the same category as, "No - I wouldn't want to bother with a reusable bottle." I also cannot answer Question 8 unless I know what plastic bottles would be included in such a ban. You may want to consider rewording some survey questions and adding additional response choices ("less than 1" or "Other" with room for an explanatory note).	3/25/2016 1:14 PM
94	When we see what has happened in Michigan and other places(to be discovered), we should not be so smug in Brookline to think it could not happen here... Brookline should not make it difficult to get bottled water quickly if our water supply becomes contaminated.	3/25/2016 12:37 PM
95	hi - why does CVS get a waiver for plastic bag use? How the heck did that happen? thanks	3/25/2016 12:33 PM
96	Banning bottled drinking water would impose undue burden on Brookline vendors and customers. Water is essential to every day life and not readily available to people visiting Brookline. While it may be well meaning, banning bottled drinking water is not a good idea for Brookline.	3/25/2016 12:22 PM
97	I think the idea of carrying a re-fillable bottle would work for some, but not all people and many could not, plus, what if someone just got thirsty without a bottle? More to the point, though, while I recycle and support it, I think there are probably things we can legislate that would have a greater impact on the environment.	3/25/2016 12:18 PM
98	Please make recycling easier and more convenient. (Empty the town's recycling bins more frequently and place more of them on the street.) Thank you.	3/25/2016 12:11 PM
99	seems like an interesting idea which i'm all for, philosophically but it would be good to understand more fully the upsides & downsides of this proposal	3/25/2016 12:03 PM
100	Plastic bottles are convenient and clean.	3/25/2016 11:58 AM
101	This measure is silly. You're not going to make a meaningful dent in the use of plastic water bottles, and at best you might just drive thirsty people to drink soda or juice instead. Keep Town Meeting focused on the really important issues facing our town.	3/25/2016 11:54 AM
102	I try to use reusable bottles as much as possible but sometimes use bottled water. Would support a ban wholeheartedly.	3/25/2016 11:50 AM
103	I occasionally drink a bottled beverage. It's certainly not daily and generally, it's free from my employer. I do my part for the environment, but I have to say that I don't think it's appropriate to tell people what they can and cannot buy/drink. By all means, ban town agencies/facilities from selling them, but don't tell people what they can and cannot buy. You'd have to ban the sale of them, too?	3/25/2016 11:47 AM
104	providing options for refills is a good idea, a total ban is not	3/25/2016 11:46 AM
105	I don't use plastic bottles every day, only occasionally when I don't want to worry about keeping my water bottle with me. There was a bottle ban in the park district (Three Rivers) where I worked in Minnesota a few years back and the reaction from the public was very negative.	3/25/2016 11:45 AM
106	I suppose I worry that it might simply encourage people to drink other beverages instead, and it might be unkind to visitors or tourists who may not have planned or been aware of the ban, particularly in the summer.	3/25/2016 11:45 AM
107	Really?	3/25/2016 11:43 AM
108	I use a reusable bottle for water daily, but would still like the option to buy other drinks that come in plastic bottles on the occasion that I want them.	3/25/2016 11:22 AM
109	Yes/No in question 1 is inadequate. I'd choose "infrequently" if it were an option.	3/25/2016 11:12 AM
110	I strongly support this ban. Transporting/buying bottled regular water in our town and city is madness.	3/25/2016 11:10 AM
111	On the rare occasion I use a plastic bottle, it is usually when I am out and about and there is no other option. I do carry around a reusable bottle as well as reusable bamboo utensils and a metal straw. If a restaurant does not have recycling available, I will bring things home to recycle.	3/25/2016 10:44 AM
112	Micro managing does not work for me. The town should do more about fixing streets and bridges and repainting white lines. Please don't tell me what to drink and how.	3/25/2016 10:23 AM
113	What happens in other towns where plastic water bottles are banned? Do people end up buying more soda? If so, this raises another public health concern.	3/25/2016 10:08 AM

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114	In some occasions, when no tap water is available, or when traveling, I drink bottled water. I don't think it reasonable to force people to drink soda or other caned/glass bottled drinks by making it difficult for them to drink water!	3/25/2016 10:04 AM
115	People are getting used to bringing their own bags to stores. Charging for the paper seems to help. Further impressing people with how good our water is here might help.	3/25/2016 9:05 AM
116	I fully support a ban. Not only is bottled water very expensive and the plastic harmful to the environment and litter a town eyesore, but it is not as regulated as tap water and therefore also presents a potential health hazard. Furthermore many brands simply bottle tap water from towns near their bottling plants, allowing profits to go to large corporations such as Coca Cola, Pepsis and Nestea, rather than right sizing resources locally. The whole Business is a farce and for the town to prohibit bottled water would be a statement that we are (literally) not buying into it and hopefully encourage other places to do the same.	3/25/2016 8:55 AM
117	Bottled waters have been a healthier beverage option when sending my kids with lunch, on trips, etc. An all plastic ban would change my shopping habits since our milk (larger sizes) and juices are in plastic. With the exception of increased dog feces in public, the plastic bag ban has worked. I think a ban on plastic bottles will effect local economy and cause families to drive more. Perhaps green efforts should be put into increasing the recycling capabilities in town (neighboring towns are able to recycle more items, even single stream, without incident).	3/25/2016 8:48 AM
118	Bottled water is an unnecessary invention to make money for the bottle companies. It has no positive value except to make it easy for people to pollute. I have read that the number of thrown away bottles would go end to end around the world hundreds of times. It's time to take a stand to preserve the environment before it's too late.	3/25/2016 8:27 AM
119	I would be in favor of a water ban but not a full on plastic bottle ban... The other beverages are not easily accessible like water. It's tricky of course but Brookline has led in the past on these issues (plastic bag ban) and it should continue to lead.	3/25/2016 8:13 AM
120	For plain water, which is fine from the tap, I don't think plastic bottles are necessary. For other beverages, such as sparkling water, I think they are probably needed.	3/25/2016 8:13 AM
121	It is a stupid idea.	3/25/2016 8:11 AM
122	Let us live our lives without your intervention!	3/25/2016 8:07 AM
123	Work outside all seasons but esp summer go thru gallon a day too time(and space) consuming to not have gallon containers of h2o	3/25/2016 6:46 AM
124	I'm disabled and need to drink water frequently. Sometimes I forget to bring my reusable bottle with me when I'm out. If I can't buy bottled water at a store, that will be difficult for me.	3/25/2016 1:09 AM
125	Q 3: I chose "I do not drink..." because my average is probably 0.1 per day. If we're talking about cutting down plastic, I buy far more plastic Starbucks cups for iced coffee than I do pre-bottled drinks!	3/25/2016 12:59 AM
126	Ban them!	3/25/2016 12:30 AM
127	This is a hugely important issue to me. I haven't bought a plastic water bottle in years. I'm not completely convinced I'm ready to stop everyone else in town from buying coke, but I'm very interested to learn more about it. Thanks	3/24/2016 11:37 PM
128	if you ban water bottles, people (children!!!) will drink soda, juice, etc. this is a health issue. please don't do it!!!!	3/24/2016 11:14 PM
129	I don't like plastic bottles, but occasionally I buy them if I am out of the joys and need a drink, so I wouldn't advocate banning them totally. Educating & discouraging the purchase of plastic bottles would be better.	3/24/2016 11:10 PM
130	Given that Brookline is surrounded on three sides by The City of Boston, where there are no limitations on plastic bottles, it remains to be seen how effective a ban limited to Brookline would be.	3/24/2016 10:43 PM
131	Don't have a ban.	3/24/2016 10:26 PM
132	Thank you for the opportunity to answer questions on this survey. I am so pleased that Brookline in considering a plastic bottle ban.	3/24/2016 9:40 PM
133	With regard to question 7, I wouldn't buy a new reusable bottle, I would just be more likely to bring the one I have.	3/24/2016 9:25 PM
134	For question 3, I drink 1-2 bottled drinks per week, only sports drinks. I always keep a reusable water bottle with me for water.	3/24/2016 9:23 PM
135	Figure out the school crisis and stop worrying about this politically correct bs	3/24/2016 9:22 PM
136	Best idea!!	3/24/2016 8:39 PM
137	I only buy them when I'm desperate--maybe once per month at most. I think it's excessive to ban them altogether in our one community when other surrounding communities don't. Other communities benefit when people need to buy them for events, etc. I think that encouraging awareness about reducing waste is the best option in this case.	3/24/2016 8:39 PM

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138	BU has water stations at gym. Rarely see a member or student their with a store bought bottled water. The water stations work and people actually drink more water!	3/24/2016 8:35 PM
139	I worry about the unintended consequence of banning plastic bottles in that people will be unable to buy bottled water if they want to and will instead buy a calorie-containing beverage	3/24/2016 8:27 PM
140	We need plastic bottles because we can't always plan ahead and bring a reusable bottle	3/24/2016 8:13 PM
141	Terrible survey design. I average less than one bottle per day. The only possible answers were '1' or 'I don't drink plastic bottles beverages.'	3/24/2016 8:06 PM
142	I think a plastic bottle ban would be wonderful idea! There is precedent for this sort of ban elsewhere, and considering the immense environmental impacts resulting from not only their disposal (often ending up in oceans and waterways) and production (plastic production requires great amounts of energy and fossil fuel use), I think it would be a very welcomed change in Brookline.	3/24/2016 7:50 PM
143	There are a number of times a plastic bottle is the only way to get the amount of water needed or the only practical way of serving water. I think it would be better to ensure that all plastic bottles are reusable. Frankly I think there are more important things for Brookline to be concerned about. Question #3 didn't allow for someone like me who might average 1-2 bottles of water per week. Range of answers offered unsatisfactory. Answer to #7 -- no I would not because I already have reusable bottles and use them 95% of the time.	3/24/2016 7:34 PM
144	This survey is poorly designed. I drink ~1 plastic bottle a week... No option even close. Return for deposit wasn't a default option. I would use my reusable bottle more if there were more water stations, but I wouldn't BUY one because I already own one. Poor surveys -- questionable results.	3/24/2016 7:31 PM
145	I'm assuming we are not talking plastic bottles like 2L soda bottles or quarts, half gallon or gallon containers. It may be problematic to get plastic bottle soda & juice banned since the companies don't produce in glass. I always carry my own water bottle & most fast food places will fill it for free with tap water.	3/24/2016 7:28 PM
146	While I mostly use reusable water bottles, on occasion I buy a plastic water bottle at a store or vending machine if I forgot my water bottle or am in a situation where it's not practical to carry my own. I don't think it should be illegal even though I support using tap water and trying to discourage use of plastic, disposable bottles.	3/24/2016 7:26 PM
147	Not without a solid plan to replace them. Like purified H2O stations through the town.	3/24/2016 6:58 PM
148	stop banning everything, and stop trying to control peoples lives. this town is quickly becoming an unpleasant and unfriendly place to live, in other words, live and let live . After being here 64 years I think it is time to leave this town.	3/24/2016 6:49 PM
149	If a ban is made,it would be great to see more emphasis made to recycle and increase the opportunities individuals can have to recycle. Currently, my residence only has one recycle bin for over 30 apartments! So if there is a plan, please ensure there are clear institutions around that to ensure people can recycle glass and paper.	3/24/2016 6:47 PM
150	I think a ban on plastic water bottles containing tap water is a great place to start if banning all plastic water bottles proves too difficult on the first attempt.	3/24/2016 6:39 PM
151	Taking away that choice and the convince is insane- add the fill stations- don't ban all together- that is insane - I use both- but sometimes I forget my re-usable- and that's plastic!!!!	3/24/2016 5:09 PM
152	Teachers are working without a contract! That is a concern for me and much more important then plastic bottles!!!	3/24/2016 5:08 PM
153	These questions need more choices for responses. Although I use plastic bottles on occasion, it comes out to one or two per MONTH, not per DAY. That was not an option. Also, question 8, I cannot answer yes or no, but I am not INDIFFERENT, I am just UNSURE.	3/24/2016 4:57 PM
154	This law/ban seems like an infringement on people's civil liberties!!	3/24/2016 4:56 PM
155	I don't think a ban is practical.	3/24/2016 4:53 PM
156	This is not taking into account the fact that many venues (businesses, sports arenas ect) do not allow personal beverage bottles, or glass bottles due to safety concerns.	3/24/2016 4:50 PM
157	Strongly oppose the idea of banning plastic bottles. Another well intentioned but misguided idea. Much more pollution has been caused by banning plastic bags, which has led to the manufacture of millions of man-made bags; and requiring town residents to use GIANT plastic recycling barrels which instantly rendered tens of thousands of perfectly adequate recycling bins obsolete, and required new trucks to process them, not to mention eliminating decent unskilled jobs. Banning water bottles will just lead to the manufacture of more energy-eating metal and plastic containers. Government is way too involved in areas in which it does not belong. How about banning all the hard plastic containers that stores like Whole Foods use for massive quantities of processed foods and produce? Amusing to see shoppers so proudly using unsanitary reusable fabric bags in a store that sells more stuff in rigid plastic than ever before.	3/24/2016 4:46 PM
158	I usually have a thermos. Not when I travel. We have many visitors who may want bottled water	3/24/2016 4:44 PM

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159	Please keep America free. You have already banned enough stuff, when will you stop!!!!	3/24/2016 4:42 PM
160	As I'm sure has been discussed, there is the possibility that folks will just switch to sugary drinks rather than bring their own bottle to fill at a water fountain. I would imagine a very quirky / pretty / unique water filling station would help people recognize that the water is clean and safe. I myself really love the filling stations at airports that have the "bottles saved" counter on them. More filling stations would need to be obvious and available in town commercial centers. Will it increase facilities / public works costs to maintain them? Will they be operable year round?	3/24/2016 4:29 PM
161	This is ridiculous. The Town tree huggers are going too far. There are much bigger issues that the town needs to tackle. The current administration seems unable to make decisions. Impeach them all. Fire melvin and sandra!	3/24/2016 4:28 PM
162	I understand that some are concerned about not having bottled water available would push demand towards sugary drinks. I think we just need to make filling stations more available to encourage reusable bottles.	3/24/2016 4:26 PM
163	#3. Use less than one per day on average. #5. Concern is being able to get plastic water bottle if forgot, in emergency, etc. #7. Sounds nice, but existing water fountains are often out of order and are shut off in the winter.	3/24/2016 4:23 PM
164	Favor ban on bottled water in Brookline, not on other plastic containers for soda, milk etc.	3/24/2016 4:21 PM
165	I think it's important to reduce, reuse, recycle! Good work, Brookline.	3/24/2016 4:21 PM
166	We don't need to ban the plastic bottles. We (the STATE legislature) need to PASS the bottle bill that will allow these bottles to be redeemed for deposit. THAT will reduce waste/improve recycling efforts. There is just no way that the Town is going to be able to ban all plastic bottles...it's extreme idealism to think that a ban in Brookline will force beverage companies to reinvent their entire bottling process and supply chain. We can do thing that encourage the use of purchasing plastic bottles (like the watering stations) but honestly, sometimes people just want to buy a juice or tea or soda for on-the-go. BTW I actually drink LESS than 1 bottle of beverage from plastic per day, but it wasn't an option to say so, above. Good luck with this.	3/24/2016 4:11 PM
167	The assumption is that recycled bottles actually save energy, and that most people will be responsible and recycle all bottles that they use. These assumptions may be incorrect, but if they are true, there is no good reason to put up with the inconvenience of having no bottled beverages.	3/24/2016 4:09 PM
168	Promoting the use of refillable containers is excellent, and the town should do so. Banning the plastic water bottle is a major imposition on many people and businesses, without commensurate benefit. Better, instead, to get the state to require deposits on such bottles, where Brookline can recruit allies such as Cambridge.	3/24/2016 4:08 PM
169	Not sure of the impact.	3/24/2016 3:58 PM
170	Not a good idea	3/24/2016 3:48 PM
171	Survey is flawed as question #1 does not ask the respondent if they use a refillable bottle or not.	3/24/2016 3:43 PM
172	I wish we would also consider significantly increasing the number of more recycle bins around town in Brookline.	3/24/2016 3:43 PM
173	I like to drink sparkling water so a refilling station would not be useful for me.	3/24/2016 3:32 PM
174	I think more places to recycle should be offered. People will just go to stores in neighboring towns decreasing profits. I dislike the current ban on plastic bags as the paper bags disintegrate in the rain/snow and tear more easily.	3/24/2016 3:30 PM
175	Last year the focus was on banning bottled water - which I opposed for several reasons, particularly the idea that we would ban water but not other, less healthy, bottled beverages. I think the ban of all plastic bottles still leaves questions open like - what happens for Brookline Day? Having some access to water on Cypress Field doesn't mean that (a) everyone brought refillable bottles and (b) there can be enough access points for everyone to get adequate drinking water. Also, I wonder if we are potentially exchanging the plastic bottles for cups, which is nearly as messy, and, if waxed, even less recyclable than the bottles they would replace. I'm all in favor of reducing our bottle usage, but I wonder if a public education campaign might be more effective than enforcement.	3/24/2016 3:26 PM
176	When I'm out running errands and find myself at a fast-food style restaurant, I usually get bottled water. This is maybe once a month. This survey doesn't really allow me to report that usage level (it's not an average of 1 bottle a day, and it's not "I do not drink plastic bottled beverages"). I would not want to have to carry a container around with me when I'm doing errands.	3/24/2016 3:21 PM
177	I think the moderate use of plastic bottles is convenient for many and that if recycling containers are available the impact on the environment is moderated. Drinking soda or water must be better than not drinking anything certain days for certain populations. There is no way I am going to lug a mug or container around.	3/24/2016 3:16 PM
178	I'm sure it will be difficult for people to readjust back to living without beverages in plastic bottles, but it is perfectly possible and was done for centuries. We can make exceptions for true emergencies, and we'll all be better off in the long run.	3/24/2016 3:12 PM
179	I seldom use plastic bottles--only when there is no practical alternative. I re-use the bottles.	3/24/2016 3:12 PM

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180	I favor a deposit for non carbonated drinks in plastic bottles	3/24/2016 3:08 PM
181	Try to use reusable bottles where possible. Sometimes end up with disposable plastic bottles which I try to reuse or at least recycle. Would love to reduce the use of plastic across the board - as long as alternatives are provided for everyone.	3/24/2016 2:58 PM
182	thanks, the ban is a great idea.	3/24/2016 2:57 PM
183	I would love there to be more water fountains around town plus a way to educate folks on using refillable water bottles and how to fill them. More education on how bad plastic water bottles are for the environment and how Brookline is helping by creating more water fountains. Now the public should do their part to carry refillable water bottles. I'm not in favor of an outright ban as there are times I just need water and I don't have a bottle, and I don't want to buy soda. OR, if there is a bottle ban, there should be paper cups available by water filling stations.	3/24/2016 2:56 PM
184	Bottled water, in general, ensures one a clean and safe drink of water whenever needed. Filling stations could become contaminated, and sometimes a reusable plastic bottle isn't realistic as they can take up too much space, requires cleaning (which uses more water to achieve). The goal should be to encourage recycling rather than banning plastic bottled water sales.	3/24/2016 2:53 PM
185	I'd favor bans in vending machines, and also bans of packages of multiple bottles in chain supermarkets. However, I don't think mom and pop stores should bear the burden of having their revenues suddenly reduced.	3/24/2016 2:52 PM
186	I carry a refillable bottle with me and fill it up with tap water here (our water is really good in Brookline, or sometimes at work from the coolers. Once in awhile I get a cup of water at work from the coke machine.	3/24/2016 2:46 PM
187	Question three doesn't have a place for "fewer than one per day," which is where I'd come it. Banning bottled water (but not bottled sugary drinks) is the worst of all worlds - then the only convenient options are unhealthy!	3/24/2016 2:43 PM
188	I am concerned re 1) The health effects of the plastic that the bottle is made of. I believe the federal government (the FDA?) has not adequately tested the health effects of chemicals in our products. 2) The health effects of the beverage in the bottle, including sugar and any other ingredients. I am especially concerned about the health effects of any artificial chemicals, virtually none of which have been tested for safety in humans. 3) Whether the combination of bottle chemistry and beverage chemistry amplifies any health risks. 4) I am aware that all containers, of whatever material, consume resources in their manufacture, recycling (if possible), and disposal. An accurate picture of the environmental impacts of plastic bottles can only be attained if compared with the environmental impacts of all other containers, including aluminum cans (which I understand take an enormous amount of energy to produce), glass, Tetra Paks, etc. etc.	3/24/2016 2:41 PM
189	More recently recycling bins, especially on the street and in restaurants, would be great.	3/24/2016 2:35 PM
190	I'm surprised at the all-or-nothing choices in this survey, when most behavior is in between. I didn't answer #3 because I rarely buy bottled water, so it's far less than an average of 1 per day, but not never. Re: #8, I might favor a ban on sale of plain water in plastic bottles, but I favor keeping sparkling water available. In light of Flint, MI, I also think we need to consider places where the tap water is not safe (like at Old Lincoln School). Bubblers are okay, but not for filling up a reusable bottle and not for people who can't afford a water bubbler at home. I didn't answer #7 because how many of us operate exclusively in Brookline? More filling stations here does not affect whether or not I am willing to carry a reusable bottle all the time, and I already own several so the question about willing to buy is moot. Having a water bottle is sometimes great and sometimes a nuisance. That is what affects my decision to carry one at any given time. Finally, I think including bottled water in the 5cent deposit law is a far better way to limit trash from plastic bottles than banning them.	3/24/2016 2:31 PM
191	Sometimes, when I'm out and about and thirsty, I want something to drink and water is healthier than soda or other things. While I support efforts to reduce bottled water use, I don't think a ban makes sense. If you're thirsty, you should be able to buy water. I've seen water packaged in boxes (like a juice box). Perhaps we can pass a bill to require all water less than 16 oz or 32 oz to be packaged in a box.	3/24/2016 2:29 PM
192	I favor a ban on plastic water bottles. There are environmental problems with glass too but water should not be bottled.	3/24/2016 2:24 PM
193	As the parent of a child who must drink water for health reasons, I always have bottles available and no a refillable bottle will not do. Yes, we use refillable bottles when we can anticipate the need for a bottle an the rest of the time we carry convenient, clean disposable bottles.	3/24/2016 2:23 PM
194	I purchase about four liters of seltzer for church social events per month - you did not give this as an option. It seems impractical to ban sales of all plastic bottles. Question No. 8 sounds like you intend to do inspections at the border. What the heck is a filling station?	3/24/2016 2:23 PM
195	Refilling stations for water and/or more bubblers make a lot of sense. So would expanding the bottle bill to include non-carbonated beverages (yes, that's a statewide issue). An outright ban on bottled water is absurd and would push kids to drinking sugared beverages when in a convenient store.	3/24/2016 2:20 PM
196	Drink mostly tap water but filtered for taste	3/24/2016 2:19 PM

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197	The town should not impose their view on my personal right to make a purchase. More water stations are needed. These should be put in place before a ban is considered. How will these be kept clean?	3/24/2016 2:19 PM
198	I am in favor of banning plastic bottles, or at least making it more costly to use/buy them.	3/24/2016 2:17 PM
199	Bottled water we drink is sparkling water, so can't really refill at filling station.	3/24/2016 2:16 PM
200	I drink water from a plastic bottle less than once a week. I already have a water bottle that I carry with me occasionally.	3/24/2016 2:15 PM
201	I would support a full ban or a very hefty tax. Plastic bottles are a scourge.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
202	Banning the sale of plastic bottles in Brookline is a REALLY DUMB IDEA. Please don't do it.	3/24/2016 2:13 PM
203	I think that the town should significantly tax all beverages in plastic containers which are sold at stores or restaurants, but they should not tax bottled water when sold in vending machines, as it is a preferable alternative to soda. I also support a full ban on plastic bottles, but I worry that there would be a lot of opposition around town, so a tax might be a more achievable alternative.	3/24/2016 2:13 PM
204	I think we should facilitate a movement away from plastic bottles by making them less necessary, but I don't think an outright ban will be fruitful. (The very few plastic water bottles I buy per year come from stores in Boston.)	3/24/2016 2:10 PM
205	I think you cannot ban all water bottles. Sometimes when we're out and we don't have a container, we need to be able to buy individual sized bottles from a vending machine or a corner store. I do see cases of water bottles being sold at the supermarket as being unnecessary and that could be banned.	3/24/2016 2:09 PM
206	I think it's a great idea.	3/24/2016 2:07 PM
207	I think a ban on plastic bottles is rather silly and would rather see time and energy devoted to projects with greater impact.	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
208	I already have reusable bottles but of course I don't always remember to bring one. I think cups for water, preferably reusable, should also be prominently available in restaurants and cafes. (Rod Dee does a nice job if this). It's crazy that it costs ~ \$2.50 to drink water in some places around here.... Clean tap water is the safe, environmental, and healthiest choice for most of us. Making it a public health issue as well as an environmental one may gain more supporters. #Agua4All However be careful that if you ban plastic water bottles you don't end up with glass bottles that are heavier and I worry may be worse environmentally because of the extra transport costs, though less toxic. I love the idea of water fountain/bottle filling stations around town. Maybe even in parks? Thanks for taking on this work!	3/24/2016 1:59 PM
209	On #3, you should have had a "less than 1" choice. I don't use beverages in plastic bottles every day. On #7, you should have had a choice of "already own reusable bottles and use them." Regarding this whole question, a much better solution would be to require deposits on ALL beverage containers, instead of the artificial distinction now present. (The current bill in the legislature, by the way, is a LOUSY solution to the container situation.) Banning plastic bottles is not a very good idea. How could you tell Stop&Shop they can't sell Coke in plastic bottles? Very unworkable. Yes, better for the environment if we buy our high-fructose beverages in glass, or tote our own containers to be filled. But education to wean people off these beverages and onto our delicious Quabbin tap water would be a much better use of resources.	3/24/2016 1:57 PM
210	Banning all plastic bottles is too extreme! Until the town provides working drinking fountains at ALL playgrounds and ball fields, this is not appropriate. In fact there should be more than one drinking fountain at ball fields. Recycling has to be made a higher priority at such locations.	3/24/2016 1:55 PM
211	Yes, tes, I support a ban!	3/24/2016 1:54 PM
212	The focus should be on handling the disposal/recycling of plastic bottles not banning them. That is a very anti-social approach.	3/24/2016 1:48 PM
213	Less plastic is better. What about ban plastic bags given away by the supermarkets?	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
214	A ban is IMO idiotic. I will shop outside Brookline to get what I need. We don't use a lot of bottled water but we keep it on hand for hot weather, guests, trips and emergencies. We buy milk, etc. only in plastic.	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
215	I support this, but we should also think about how it will impact businesses. I'd be in favor for banning soda stations/vending machines in the schools and public buildings and having more refill stations around town, but I think an outright ban for all businesses would be tough. I'd want more info on how other cities have dealt with this.	3/24/2016 1:41 PM
216	Let me live my life in peace. Already Brookline has forced to many bans on citizens.	3/24/2016 1:40 PM
217	If it is banned its not going to stop people from driving somewhere and buying bottled beverages. However I do think people would use less plastic bottles if there were filling stations.	3/24/2016 1:38 PM
218	I say set up water stations but do not mandate plastic water ban.	3/24/2016 1:33 PM
219	Great idea but will just make it easier for people to drink sugar drinks. Need more recycle bins on Beacon	3/24/2016 1:30 PM

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220	I worry that our merchants would lose money and, if glass bottles replaced plastic, there would be more broken glass on sidewalks.	3/24/2016 1:29 PM
221	I do support a ban on plastic water bottles	3/24/2016 1:25 PM
222	a ban on selling plastic bottles is a great idea!! lets be a leader in brookline. there are no real losses in a ban, only gains for the environment and gains in raising awareness of the issue. this is as important as a ban on plastic grocery bags	3/24/2016 1:22 PM
223	Town wide filling stations a great idea! Would love to see at parks and maybe major T stops (ie Coolidge Corner, Brookline Vilkage wax)	3/24/2016 1:14 PM
224	I don't care about the plastic bottles, but I do care about the VERY STUPID bottle deposit imposed on seltzer bottles, beer, soda, etc. I ABSOLUTELY HATE that. I'd rather just throw the bottles/cans in the recycling bin than have to return them to the store. So, I personally feel you are addressing the wrong problem.	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
225	I am elderly and need to drink water very often, so I use and reuse very small LIGHTWEIGHT bottles from the supermarket. Until they get so overused after a few months that I get new ones.	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
226	For question 7, there should be an additional option for clarity "I already use a reusable bottle". Question 8 should read "Would you be in favor of a ban on disposable plastic bottles in Brookline"	3/24/2016 1:10 PM
227	I use far less than 1 plastic bottle per day (that wasn't an option) -- and I'd love the ability to fill a reusable container and would use that often. And I do use that option when I can, for example at many airports. But there are still times, when despite my best efforts, I'd like to be able to buy a bottle of water and I think I should be able to.	3/24/2016 1:06 PM
228	Stop banning things! I barely drink any thing out of plastic bottles. That said, we need to stop banning everything we disagree with and start trying to convince our friends and neighbors if we disagree with what they are doing.	3/24/2016 1:05 PM
229	A ban seems very impractical. Encouraging a reduction in use of plastic bottles is a great idea, but a ban would simply drive grocery and convenience store business out of brookline. Most people use bottled beverages for times when they are mobile aka likely not within town limits, so filling stations in town are a nice idea but wouldn't stem the tide of bottle use. Filling stations in schools and town buildings are great and reduce bottle use locally, but broader public stations don't make a lot of sense.	3/24/2016 1:01 PM
230	We should encourage recycling but govt should not control this level of our lives. I feel very strongly about this.	3/24/2016 1:00 PM
231	In addition to the many energy and environmental problems with plastic bottles, they are also implicated as endocrine disrupters and are especially bad for growing bodies. This would be an investment in child health as well.	3/24/2016 12:59 PM
232	My family is perfectly happy drinking the tap water, and don't see a need to buy bottled flat water. I don't mind buying glass bottles of seltzer, it's just that the brands that sell glass bottles are so much more expensive...	3/24/2016 12:58 PM
233	Banning is extreme. Education about the importance of recycling plastic bottles would be much better. The same goes for plastic grocery bags. I now have to get mine in Boston to line my kitchen trash container. Any extras I recycle at Whole Foods.	3/24/2016 12:58 PM
234	I live near Brighton, so I would just walk there to buy my water bottles and still dispose of them in Brookline.	3/24/2016 12:56 PM
235	I think there should be a deposit on these bottles state-wide.	3/24/2016 12:50 PM
236	For question 3, my answer is less than 1 per day. I do not drink plastic bottle drinks on a routine basis, but on occasion when I am on the go, I may purchase them at a gas station, cvs, or other retailer.	3/24/2016 12:50 PM
237	It would be great if there were more filling stations. If there were water fountains in and around the main pedestrian areas I think it would be a great thing. Maybe instead of a ban on plastic bottles there could be a tax imposed.	3/24/2016 12:49 PM
238	R/t Previous question, Drink LESS THAN one plastic bottle per week. Avoid them when I can.	3/24/2016 12:48 PM
239	A good question to ask would have been, Do you have/use a reusable water bottle?	3/24/2016 12:43 PM
240	I think a complete ban will be counterproductive and drive people to drink more caloric, less healthy drinks. When I have a bday party for my 5 year old and it's not feasible (due to the locale) to use a pitcher of water, what will I do. Currently I offer both bottled water and juice, and many of the kids take the juice. My only option if there's a ban is to offer juice to all kids (a sugary option). Many families will offer only soda - the worst alternative. I think you can achieve the same ends by have filling stations all around town and having an add campaign about the negative affects of buying water and the positive affects of using filling stations. You could even create some kind of official Brookline water bottle that is carried by local stores. Bans just make people feel controlled, powerless and abused.	3/24/2016 12:43 PM
241	Plastic bottles should be reduced when possible, especially at restaurants, public/town buildings, and schools.	3/24/2016 12:41 PM

Plastic Bottle Ban in Brookline?

242	A ban on plastic bottles is another example of smug virtue signaling, just like the idiotic ban on plastic bags and styrofoam food packaging. No real benefit, significant costs, but makes some people feel good about themselves as they regulate the less enlightened.	3/24/2016 12:41 PM
243	It's difficult to offer refillable water at large events. Kids don't want to carry a bottle during activities and tend to lose it. Our school tried to use gigantic Gatorade buckets, but it collected puddles under the spout, which created a hazardous condition. That said, I think it's a good idea to get rid of bottled water from schools. Lawrence and Lincoln schools retrofitted regular water coolers with spouts for refilling water bottles and sold refillable bottles. The cafeteria still sells bottled water and a vending machine is sitting right at the cafeteria entrance. Our 8th graders counted the number of plastic bottles from recycling bins and calculated the number of trashed plastic bottles in the US. What's the point of doing that if the food service continues to sell bottled water? I don't think the whole town should ban the sale of bottled water, but public schools should not sell them.	3/24/2016 12:41 PM
244	Would this only apply to smaller 8 oz / 12 oz bottles or is this across the board up to 2 liter / gallon plastic beverage containers?	3/24/2016 12:40 PM
245	Limit government intervention, increase education.	3/24/2016 12:40 PM
246	We mostly fill our own bottles, but on occasion purchase bottled water. We purchase bottled water, soda, smoothie, or sports drink a few times weekly at most, and definitely recycle.	3/24/2016 12:40 PM
247	Does this include plastic milk bottles?	3/24/2016 12:39 PM
248	In question 3 there is no option for less than one a day.	3/24/2016 12:37 PM
249	Ban is a very bad idea.	3/24/2016 12:37 PM
250	I'm in full support of eliminating plastic water bottles. However, the success of this is heavily dependent upon infrastructure investment in proper filling stations in parks, schools, public facilities and in several heavily used areas around town, such as Coolidge Corner.	3/24/2016 12:35 PM
251	This is ridiculous that government needs to impose a ban on something like this. Perhaps people should just stop buying them and rather than imposing more laws, educate the public about the importance of why to not buy them. There are so many more important things that our town could spend its time and resources on.	3/24/2016 12:34 PM
252	Enough with the bans, already! Stop micromanaging peoples lives, Brookline.	3/24/2016 12:33 PM
253	This survey reads like a conclusion has already been reached.	3/24/2016 12:32 PM
254	Please pass this! It is so important!	3/24/2016 12:31 PM
255	It would be great to have more drinking fountains and water dispensers first.	3/24/2016 12:22 PM
256	Like on styrofoam and plastic bags, Brookline should be a national leader on this issue.	3/24/2016 12:12 PM
257	Would like sparkling water to still be available	3/24/2016 12:12 PM
258	I support the ban.	3/24/2016 12:07 PM
259	HORRID idea.	3/24/2016 12:06 PM
260	Most often I do carry a water bottle on my person. But there are times when I am out and about in Brookline and need to get a bottle of water and thinking that it would not be an option to buy water if I needed it seems ridiculous.	3/24/2016 12:00 PM

APPENDIX K

Tap Water Survey

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES 17

17 responses

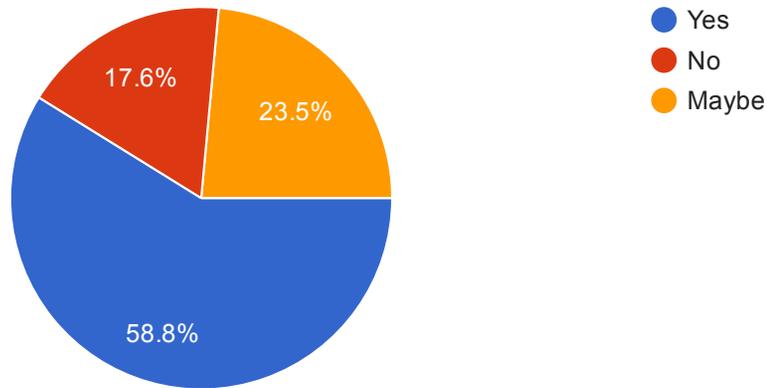


- SUMMARY
- INDIVIDUAL

Accepting responses

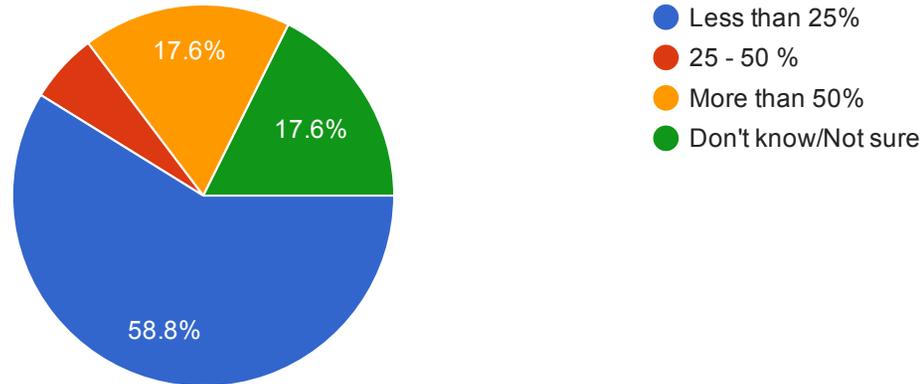
Would your business be willing to offer free or low cost tap water to customers using their own refillable water bottles?

(17 responses)



Estimate the percentage of customers that currently request a drink of water while shopping at your business.

(17 responses)



Comments Section (11 responses)

TEST RESPONSE

test 2 response

The only tap water we have at our business is located in the toilet. Would people want THAT water? If they would like water from our Poland Springs dispenser, we would have to charge a fee.

Not sure when you are asking us to give out water- on a regular basis or at events.

I am gym with filtered water for clients.

We don't have access to clean tap water

the only sink we have is in the basement, which is not open to customer use on a regular basis. It would be highly impractical for us to offer this service.

We've never been asked other than by someone feeling ill.

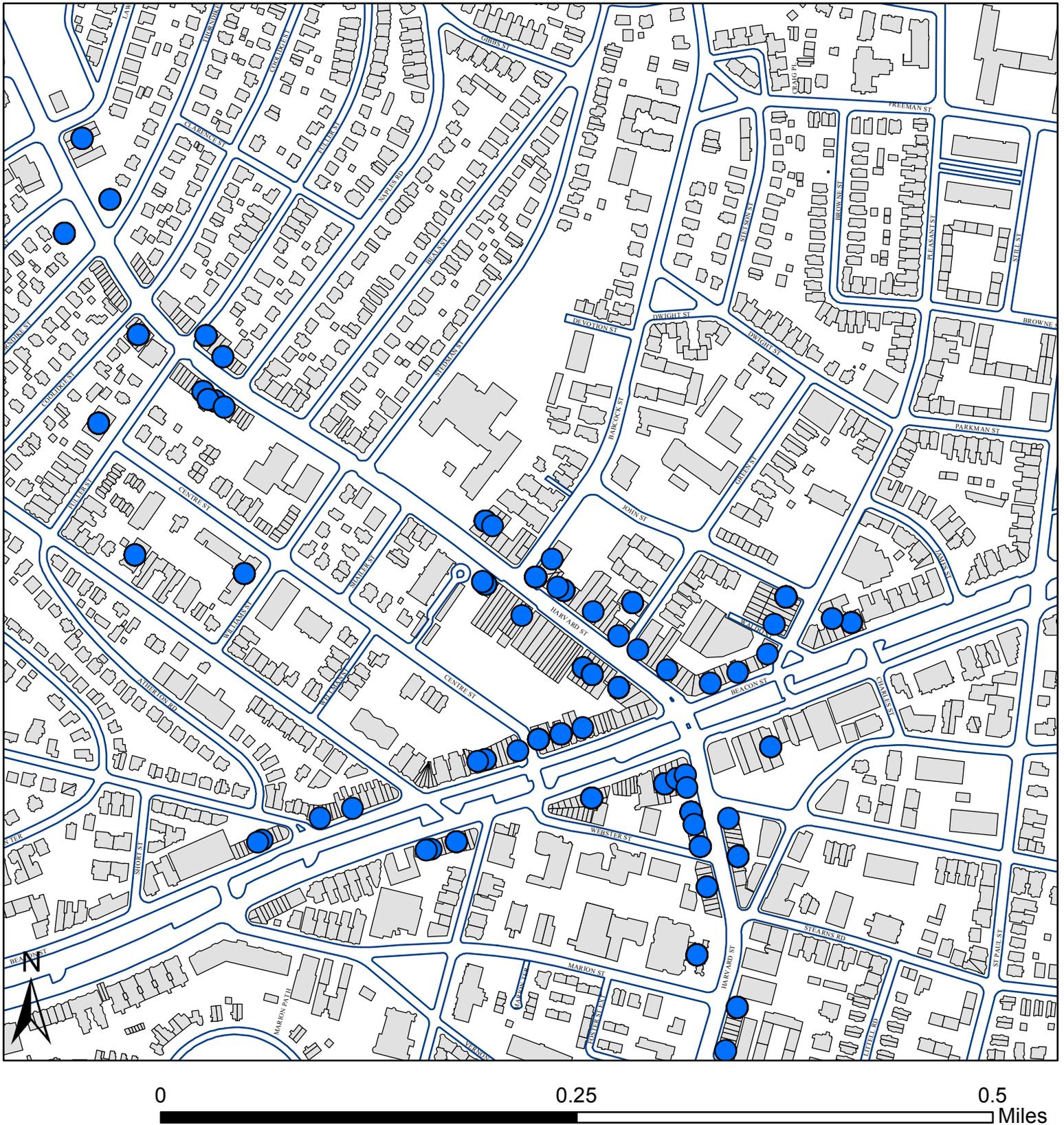
We are a retail store. We do not get requests for water.

Great idea! Love this!

We have a drinking fountain in our lobby, which is open to the public during our open hours.

APPENDIX L

Coolidge Corner Food Service Permit Holders



Sources: Food Service Permit and basemap data obtained from
Brookline GIS and Health Departments
Accessed April 2016
Cartographer: Andy Martineau
Origin Date: May 2, 2016

Putterham Circle Food Service Permit Holders



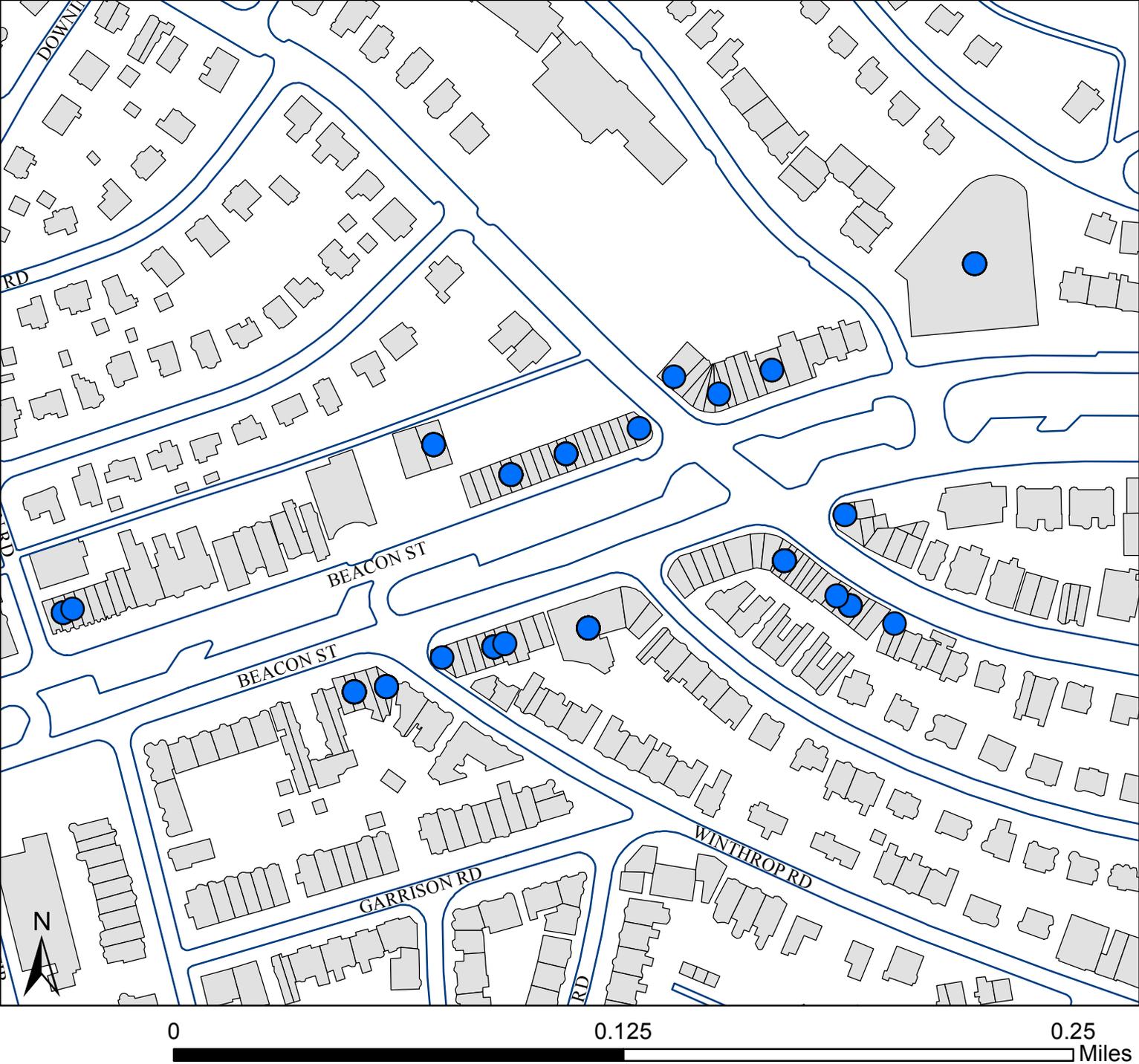
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Saint Mary's Food Service Permit Holders



**Sources: Food Service Permit and basemap data
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Washington Square Food Service Permit Holders



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APPENDIX M



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May 24, 2015

TO: Brookline, Massachusetts Town Meeting Members
FROM: James Toner, Director of Government Relations, IBWA
RE: Opposition to Article 14

The International Bottled Water Association (IBWA) requests that you oppose Article 14 that will be addressed during the May 26, 2015 Town Meeting. Article 14 would restrict the sale or distribution of bottled water of 1 liter or less on town property and bar the use of town funds to purchase bottled water.

IBWA is the trade association representing all segments of the bottled water industry, including spring, artesian, mineral, sparkling, well, groundwater and purified bottled waters. IBWA members include bottled water bottlers, distributors and suppliers throughout the United States, including several small, medium and large size companies doing business in Massachusetts and Brookline.

Article 14 is not in the public interest and IBWA would urge town meeting members not to support it. IBWA opposes the warrant article because:

- efforts to restrict access to bottled water hinder individuals searching for a healthier beverage alternative
- bottled water has the lowest environmental footprint of any packaged beverage
- being strictly regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a food product makes bottled water a safe choice for consumers

Bottled Water's Role in Healthy Hydration

For those who want to eliminate or moderate calories, sugar, caffeine, artificial flavors or colors, and other ingredients from their diet or simply wish to opt for a convenient beverage with refreshing taste, reliable quality, and zero calories choosing water is the right choice – no matter what the delivery method. Bottled water is a smart decision and a healthy choice when it comes to beverage options. Efforts to eliminate or reduce access to bottled water such as this article only hinder attempts to encourage people to choose healthier drink options.

In fact, since 1998, approximately 73% of the growth in bottled water consumption has come from people switching from carbonated soft drinks, juices, and milk to bottled water. One of the simplest changes a person can make is to switch to drinking water instead of other beverages that are heavy with sugar and calories. According to the Institute of Medicine and the American Journal of Preventative Medicine, two-thirds of American adults are overweight with one-third

of those individuals being obese, and over the last 30 years, children's obesity rates have climbed from 5% to 17%. Drinking zero-calorie beverages, such as water, instead of sugary drinks is regularly cited as a key component of a more healthful lifestyle, and promoting greater consumption of water from all sources, including from bottled water, can only benefit those efforts.

In today's on-the-go society, most of what we drink comes in a package. Attacks on bottled water only help to promote less healthy options among other packaged beverages, like juices and soda, which have *more packaging, more ingredients, and greater environmental impacts* than bottled water. Research shows that if bottled water isn't available, 52% of people will choose soda or another sugared drink – not tap water.

Bottled Water Industry as an Environmental Steward

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), throughout the U.S. plastic water bottles make up less than 0.03% of all municipal solid waste. All bottled water containers are one-hundred percent recyclable. New data from the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR) and the Beverage Marketing Corporation (BMC) show the bottled water industry continuing to reduce its environmental footprint through significant increases in recycling and the use of less plastic in single-serve PET bottled water containers.

According to NAPCOR's February 2014 study, now at 38.04%, the recycling rate for single-serve PET plastic bottled water containers more than doubled between 2003 and 2012. In addition, NAPCOR reports that PET plastic bottled water containers remain the most frequently recycled PET beverage container in curbside recycling programs.

Data released by BMC in January 2013 shows that between 2000 and 2011, the average weight of a 16.9-ounce (half-liter) PET plastic bottled water container has declined 47.8%. This has resulted in a savings of 3.3 billion pounds of PET resin since 2000. The ongoing efforts to increase the recycling rate of PET plastic bottled water containers, coupled with the continuing decrease in container weight, underscores the consistent drive of the bottled water industry to improve recycling programs and reduce its overall environmental footprint. While this is encouraging news, it is also a reminder that more needs to be done to expand recycling efforts and collection methods across the country for all packaged goods, including bottled water.

Even with continuing growth and increased consumption, bottled water still has the smallest water and energy use footprint of any packaged beverage. The results of a 2014 IBWA benchmarking study show that the amount of water and energy used to produce bottled water products in North America is less than all other types of packaged beverages. On average, only 1.32 liters of water (including the liter of water consumed) and 0.24 mega joules of energy are used to produce one liter of finished bottled water.

The bottled water industry is a strong supporter of our environment and our natural resources. In fact, a life cycle assessment conducted by Quantis in 2010 shows bottled water's environmental footprint is the lowest of *any* packaged beverage. Key findings of this study show that water is

the least environmentally impactful beverage option and that bottled water is the most environmentally responsible packaged drink choice. The study also found that:

- Sports drinks, enhanced waters and soda produce nearly 50% more carbon dioxide emissions per serving than bottled water
- Juice, beer and milk produce nearly three times as many carbon dioxide emissions per serving than bottled water
- Milk, coffee, beer, wine and juice together comprise 28% of a consumer's total beverage consumption but represent 58% of climate change impact

Bottled Water is a Safe Choice

Bottled water companies produce a safe, healthy, and convenient packaged food product that is comprehensively and stringently regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., and applicable sections of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Bottled water must meet the FDA's general food regulations, as well as standards of identity, standards of quality, good manufacturing practices and labeling requirements specifically promulgated for bottled water. By federal law, the FDA regulations governing the safety and quality of bottled water must be as stringent as the EPA regulations governing tap water. And, in some very important cases like coliform bacteria and *E. coli*, bottled water regulations are substantially more stringent.

All bottled water products – whether from groundwater or public water sources – are produced utilizing a multi-barrier approach. From source to finished product, a multi-barrier approach helps prevent possible harmful contamination to the finished product as well as storage, production, and transportation equipment. Measures in a multi-barrier approach may include one or more of the following: source protection, source monitoring, reverse osmosis, distillation, micro-filtration, carbon filtration, ozonation, and ultraviolet (UV) light.

Claims regarding chemicals leaching from plastic water bottles are inaccurate, misleading and only serve to create unnecessary alarm among consumers. Bottled water containers, as with all food packaging materials, must be made from substances approved by the FDA for food contact. Plastic containers that are used for bottled water products (which are made from the same materials used in other food product containers) have undergone FDA scrutiny prior to being available for use in the market place. The FDA has determined that the containers used by the bottled water industry are safe for use and do not pose a health risk to consumers.

The bottled water industry supports a strong public water system, which is important for providing citizens with clean and safe drinking water. In fact, many bottled water companies use public water sources for their products. This source water is then treated, using many of the methods described in the multi-barrier approach above, and bottled under sanitary conditions. Moreover, the water from public water systems is often compromised after emergency situations or natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes, floods, tornados, fires, or boil alerts). During these times, bottled water is a necessary and reliable alternative to deliver clean, safe drinking water.

Conclusion

IBWA hopes that this information has provided you with better insight into the bottled water industry and the importance of access to bottled water for the citizens of Brookline and Massachusetts. For these reasons, we would ask that town meeting members oppose Article 14. We appreciate this opportunity to offer these comments and are available at any time to discuss information on the industry and the important products we provide.

APPENDIX N

Selectmen's Committee to Study Bottled Drinking Water - Public Hearing
May 12th 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Brookline Public Health Building, Denny Room

Members Present: Bernard Greene, Alan Balsam, Wendy Machmuller, Mike Bartlett, Lea Cohen.
Others Present: Don Leka, Andy Fischer, Abby Swaine, Clint Richmond, John Harris.

Call to order, welcome.

Bernard Greene makes Selectmen's introduction.

"Good Evening, I am Bernard Greene a Brookline Selectman and the chair of the Brookline Bottled Water Committee. This committee is to resolve a Warrant Article 14 of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Warrant Article 14 proposed adding a new Town bylaw banning the sale and distribution of bottled drinking water at events with more than 100 people in Brookline or on any property receiving a lease or other license to operate on town property and prohibited Town funds to purchase bottled water for use in Town buildings. Only the latter provision was approved by Town meeting. The remainder of Warrant Article 14 was referred to a Committee of the Board of Selectmen for study and charge to report back this month's annual Town Meeting. The Board select established this committee to study bottled drinking water and to prepare the report that is the subject of this hearing. The process of Town Meeting decision making is often as important as the decisions themselves. For a decision to adopt a Warrant Article and be a good decision, it must be based on good information. This committee was charged by the Board of Selectmen to study the issues raised by Warrant Article 14 and provide to Town Meeting good information to be used for any possible action on bottled water in Brookline in the future. The goals of this committee were to come up with ideas to reduce the need for bottled water, increase the availability of good drinkable public water, to reduce the use of plastic beverage containers generally, and to avoid unintended consequences of people shifting their drinking habits from bottled water to sugary drinks in plastic bottles or other containers. The report is organized in four parts: the first two are introduction and preface, part 3 is a compilation of data: background information on bottled water, public water and other related issues. Part 4 are action steps that could help achieve the goals of the committee based on the data in part 3. In preparing part 3 the committee sought to gather and present good information, meaning information that was balanced, complete and took into account the views and interests of all stakeholders. No stakeholders or individuals were considered unworthy because they deviated from an accepted narrative of the committee. The committee welcomes your comments and critiques of the report to include as an appendix to the final report. Of course we will also fix any major mistakes made in the report brought up at this hearing before finalizing it. I would like to thank, among other people, the staff of the Town that has provided invaluable assistance for preparing the basic report and research that went into the final report as well and the committee members who have also contributed valuable information and research as well as an ongoing critique to the process and the information that we were gathering. The public hearing is now underway."

Don Leka of Sewall Avenue, TMM precinct 3, addressed the Committee. He noted that the IBWA submission within the Town's Bottled Water report is based on a study that in his opinion is flawed for 2 reasons:

1. The study did not take into account metal containers. There is no comparison within the study between plastic containers and metal containers and overall cost.
2. The study did not take any monetary value or any consideration to fact that the plastic degrades into smaller pellets until it will enter the food chain, which is not quantified in the study.

In his opinion the IBWA study should be dismissed based on these flaws.

Abby Swaine of Emerson Street, TMM precinct 6, noted that the Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking a national review of the tiny particles of degraded plastic entering the food chain. In her opinion, this undertaking by the EPA confirms that these plastic particles are an issue and suggests Brookline should also follow suit of EPA in acknowledging this is an issue. A discussion took place regarding the amount of plastic bottled waste and other waste that is picked up by this individual on daily walks throughout the Town, in parks and public spaces. It is noted that there is a significant amount of plastic water bottle and other plastic trash throughout park spaces that winds up in trash and not in recycling containers.

Committee member Clint Richmond read aloud an email from an absent member of the Committee: "Dear Bernard, I am grateful for your diligence. Before you were kind enough to appoint me to this committee I had no idea the amount of work and care you invest in this Town and I am in awe and grateful for your commitment to public service." The individuals in the room praised both Bernard Greene's and Alan Balsam's commitment to work on this project.

Abby Swaine of Emerson Street, TMM precinct 6, noted a concern regarding the survey within the study. She suggested that based on her personal experience, the question regarding filling station increases throughout the Town may not result in an increased use of reusable water bottles. She stated a concern that answers to that specific question may skew results in a negative direction.

A discussion took place regarding Step #8 within the study. The suggestion is made that wording clarifies plastic water bottles be extended to plastic containers to avoid food trucks from selling sugar beverages out of plastic containers. Lea Cohen of Beacon Street voiced her opposition to banning the sale of plastic water bottles from food trucks at large events. Issues discussed included forms of alternative refreshment when eating a meal and the problems associated with adding yet another regulation to vendors trying to do business in Brookline. The point was made by the Committee that vendors can still sell beverages from aluminum cans or from glass. The comparison was made that this is a health issue akin to banning smoking due to increased risk of cancer, where plastic toxicity is proven health issues.

Bernard Greene stated that the ideas proposed within this study are not necessarily new regulations, but that the study and ideas within represent a practical proposal to encourage

ideas towards increased health. It is noted that Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen will review these ideas and decide if any are necessary to adopt for health reasons. Alan Balsam added that many departments within the Town have already agreed to undertake some of the suggested ideas because of this study. A discussion took place regarding the high resources used to make aluminum cans, but also cans have a high recapture.

Abby Swaine of Emerson Street, TMM precinct 6, voiced support to use upcoming CIP funds to augment water stations in all of the parks and open spaces throughout the Town. She pointed out that there is a need for high quality, child proof dispensing stations as a public water resource within all of the Brookline parks and open spaces.

The Committee discussed showing the documentaries “Stink” and “Tapped” and holding open discussions after both of these films during Brookline Health Week.

Abby Swaine of Emerson Street, TMM precinct 6, asked Alan if there have been recent increases in resident inquiry regarding lead in Brookline tap water due to media coverage of water situations in Flint, Michigan and Boston. Alan stated that yes, there are calls from residents. He stated that the DPW tests water at the Brookline schools maintain to ensure safety. Individual households can test their own drinking water with kits sold in stores. The suggestion is made to conduct a 2 pronged public outreach: emphasizing that Brookline tap water is safe, but that home testing can be done to confirm safety, and to prevent the media from creating a public belief that plastic bottled water is a healthier alternative to tap water.

Meeting Adjourned 7:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara Gooding.