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**Cc:** [Andrea Ristine](#)  
**Subject:** Re: August 11 Agenda - oops  
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Here is the resolution.



# TOWN of BROOKLINE

## *Massachusetts*

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### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

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**WHEREAS**, manufactured goods and packaging constitute nearly three-quarters of the materials managed by U.S. municipalities at considerable costs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of hazardous products; and

**WHEREAS**, products and packaging are often toxic and/or disposable by design, and local governments have no input into the design, production, or marketing of products, make no profit from the products, and do not have the resources to address adequately the rising volume of discarded products and associated packaging; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which producers (brand owners or first importers into the State) accept responsibility for management of their discarded products, so that those who produce and use products bear the costs of recycling and responsible disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, when producers are responsible for ensuring that their products are reused or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Draft Solid Waste Master Plan: Pathway to Zero Waste, 2010-20 includes producer responsibility as one of five major components of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Massachusetts Legislature (The General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) has enacted producer responsibility programs for certain mercury-containing products; and

**WHEREAS**, 32 of the states in the U.S. have EPR laws; and

**WHEREAS**, jobs in disassembly, reuse, repair, and recycling are generated by EPR, offering significant local economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brookline supports statewide legislation to hold producers responsible for product discard management and other product waste management costs; and

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**WHEREAS**, Framework EPR codifies the EPR principle and would give the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection the authority to address multiple products over time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brookline supports the mission of the Massachusetts Product Stewardship Council, working with other Massachusetts municipalities and other states to move EPR policy forward, and supports the *Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy* adopted by seven Product Stewardship Councils in North America, including the Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, and New York Councils and appended below;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE** gives notice to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to manufacturers and distributors of products and packaging sold in the Commonwealth, that it supports the transfer of responsibility for the costs of managing discarded products to producers (brand owners and first importers), under oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Brookline departments be authorized to send letters to the State Legislature and State associations and to use other advocacy methods to support EPR legislation; and

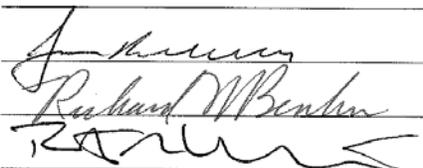
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Brookline urges the Massachusetts Legislature to enact EPR legislation for discarded electronic waste in the current legislative session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Brookline urges the Massachusetts Legislature to enact comprehensive EPR legislation based on the *Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Brookline will work with the Massachusetts Product Stewardship Council and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to enact EPR legislation and regulation.

ATTEST:

  
Melvin A. Kleckner  
Town Administrator  
February 14, 2012

  
  
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On Aug 11, 2014, at 14:42, "Peter J. Berry" <[pjberry@comcast.net](mailto:pjberry@comcast.net)> wrote:

GAB Members: I'm attaching a copy of a resolution which Brookline adopted supporting legislation to implement a "frameworks EPR" approach, which would delegate to DEP the authority to adopt regulations requiring EPR for certain packaging and products.

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Here is a link to the legislation which was filed in the past and undoubtedly will be filed again when the new legislative session convenes.

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/Senate/S346>

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