*Tip: Print out the facts sheet so you have some more material to strengthen your arguments*

*Tip: Don’t waste your time if the person is firmly against, be polite and* ***disengage***

Good afternoon/morning Sir, Madam,

My name is … I live here in Framingham Precinct … and I hope to get your support to reduce the usage of thin-film single-use plastic bags by all retail and grocery stores in the Town of Framingham.

The production and use of these bags have significant impacts on the environment.

They easily escape from the garbage truck, landfill, boat, and average consumer’s hand and are then carried into lakes and waterways, and eventually into the ocean.

* This contributes to the potential death of marine animals through ingestion and entanglement.
* It contributes to pollution of the land environment and litters our parks.
* It creates a burden to solid waste collection and recycling facilities;
* Requires the use of millions of barrels of crude oil nationally for their manufacture.

Paper bags are a good alternative, they are made from recycled paper and biodegrade.

This bylaw will help the public become aware of the impact of plastic bags on the environment. We need to re-educate the public to bring your own reusable bags when they are grocery shopping, just like you bring your bathing suit when you go to the beach.

**Vote yes on Article 42.**