

Gloucester Clean City Commission
Tuesday, September 10th 2019 - 6:00pm
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue
MINUTES

Present: Zoe Murray, Sarah Steward, Jamie Mathison, Carter Whitlock, Emily Richey-Stavrand, Dimitra Lavrakas

1. Sidewalk butlers install and placement

We have six sidewalk butlers:

1. Good Harbor Beach Footbridge by the street
2. St. Peters Square
3. Lanesville Baseball Part
4. Social Media
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6. Social Media

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Social media engagement poll with options to vote on the last three locations for the butlers.
Great way to spread awareness to the community and get some involvement.

Hold off on installation until the Facebook community poll results.
Next meeting we will choose from the Facebook poll results for official locations and then set a day to install.

Jamie and One Ocean open to having a bucket to leave at the Gloucester Shop to collect the cigarette butts before shipping to Terracycle.

2. Straw ordinance updates

No major updates on the straw ordinance.. Still at o&a

3. Cape Ann Maritime Partnership updates

1st Seabin was installed at Lighthouse Marina
2nd Seabin is going to 7 seas whale watch docks, they have agreed to help clean it
Figuring out the best solution for date collection on the trash

4. Dimitra Civic Ideas

Short Film:

Put together a short film to help raise awareness
- Thoughts about creating little video or green tips on Studio 1623

Burning Permit:

Thoughts on burn permits and why they are a thing? The permits say you can't burn leaves or lumber, etc.

- But people are still burning leaves and construction wood, etc.
- Just needs to be reporting to the city. The more we report the more likely they are to enforce it.
- Maybe go to your selectmen to report these issues
- Use this as a great social media post to inform people about the burn permit "we know its burn season, did you now that..."

Grass Medians being Mowed:

Why is the city paying for the medians to be mowed when we could do wildflowers that are pretty and don't need to be mowed?

- Mowing is time consuming and costly
- Do some research on local noninvasive wildflower species

Pesticides:

Illegal use of pesticides that kill pet friendly insects. Not really our wheelhouse, reach out to Cape Ann Green Coalition. Dimitra to reach out and talk to them about options.

- Another great opportunity for a social media post to educate the public.

Fishing Industry:

- Fishing line is the biggest pollutant in the oceans
- Report to See Click Fix to be picked up
- Use as an opportunity to educate the community on social media. Pictures of lobster gear, ghost gear, etc. and let people know ways to discard or get back to the original owners.
- Use as an option to meet in the middle and work together on this. Don't want to attach the Fishing Industry

Over Salting Road Areas:

- A lot of time its used for traction
- Also untrained drivers? Or because of hills and force of salt
- Reaching out to DPW about excessive salting. Maybe report certain routes.

Urge lobstermen to use bycatch as bait instead of regular bait:

- We believe it may be a fine line, permits?
- Better to throw by catch back into the water, at least its back into the food chain. Other animals can eat it.
- NOAA or EPA

5. Goals moving forward.

Fall beach cleanup planning:

October 6th, 9-11am Good Harbor Beach Cleanup

- Sarah to bring gloves
- Zoe to bring buckets
- Emily to get yellow bags from DPW
- Jamie to bring cups and coffee
- Zoe to reach out to Castaway Cafe for coffee donation
- Dimitra to reach out to Jim's for breakfast snacks
- Jamie to bring white folding table

Work on setting goals for the future with closed top recycling bins in Gloucester

6. Any other questions or comments brought up by other councilors or people from public.

Emily to reach out to DPW in regard to recycling magnet for recycling bins for most residents
Emily wonders if anyone has thoughts on questions to submit to Election debate