

Gloucester Clean City Commission
Tuesday, January 7th 2020 - 6:00pm
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
9 Dale Ave, Gloucester MA 01930
MINUTES

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

1. Minutes approval from Meeting on 10/22

- Carter has a comment "Val said the links to our minutes don't function"
- Carter will email: Minutes@gloucester-ma.gov to get it taken care of
- Everyone Approves

2. Member Project Updates

Carter: 1623 Studio

- Cater spoke with Erich Archer, basically if you have a membership with 1623 studios you can take classes to learn how to use the equipment & edit.
 - Training is Monday - Friday only.
- Since we are part of the city commission, a membership is free.
- We would just need three people to come in learn the process with Rebecca.
 - Carter will follow back up with Rebecca
- Anything that is submitted is automatically approved - as a member
- On air and on the website/youtube

Questions:

- Can we use our own equipment?
- Do we have ownership?
- Do we need approval by the Mayor?

Sarah: Gloucester Dog Park- Did they get info?

- Yes Sarah send a link via Facebook

Zoe / Emily: roles

- Zoe has a lot on her plate right now with her new job
- Emily reached out and will be helping Zoe take on responsible as co-chair
 - Vote on making Emily Co-Chair:
 - Unanimous vote of approval (Sarah, Dimitra, Emily, Carter, Zoe, Jamie)

3. Straw Ban clarification

- Dimitra saw the hot stoppers are being used at the Starbucks and Cape Ann Coffee?
 - This is not banned yet, it was part of the ban but isn't in effect until July 2021
 - They still have time to change this

Other Comments: Dimitra saw a boost on the

- Composting site in town location
- Dog Town Compost

4. Installing Sidewalk butler on boulevard

- This was the location that won on the Facebook (Pavilion Beach side)
 - Do we want to install now or in the spring?
 - Let's plan for March installation
- Next meeting let's chat about the locations of Butlers and reevaluate our routes

Cape Ann Power Yoga location

- Jamie will reach out to Elizabeth (the owner) to see if they want us to install or if she wants to install?

DPW bin is getting full, once full bring to Jamies house and she will mail it out to TerraCycle

5. Covered Trash Cans- renewed community support

- Frank DiMercurio Jr. started a facebook conversation that got a lot of feedback on closed bin recycling bins.
- Zoe had a conversation with the people from OA.
 - We are in Contract with JRM already for another 5 years
 - Let's find out our recycling options with JRM for the future
 - Sarah has information on Salem Contract with JRM
 - Sarah to send Salem Info over to all members

6. Next Steps / Goals Moving Forward.

- Review the recycling contract with Salem and chat about it next meeting
- Dimitra to do more research on Wild Flowers on medians so it doesn't need to be mowed
 - DPW & The State would be the people to deal with
 - Backyard growers may be interested in helping/volunteering

- The routery is under state & DOT
- Maybe we can reach out to DPW to see if there are any locations that could be switched over from mowing to wild flowers.
- Can we have a highschool student on the commission?
 - Is there any limits?
- Carter to follow up with questions for Studio 1623
- Sarah to send up with Salem Recycling Program and follow up next meeting
- Emily thought it would be cool to do a presentation or educational tips
 - Maybe in the library
 - This could be a good start with Studio 1623 then move to
 - A monthly newsletter posted on Facebook maybe since the holiday green tips were very popular

We need to start planning the Earth Day Cleanup

- Jamie/One Ocean isn't sure if she will be able to host a BBQ afterwards
- Maybe we could get a permit for Stage Fort Park or a Beach for the BBQ?
- Thoughts about donations, locations, flyers, etc.
 - Last year we discussed doing better with our donations so we don't have multiple donations of the same items.

Emily wants to know if we can get a personal city email so it's official for correspondence?

- *Example: emily@cleancitycomission.gloucester-ma.com*
- Unsure.. Will have to ask someone from the city if this is even possible.

Plastic bags and single use plastics recycled in Market Basket + Stop & Shop

- Do a post on Facebook to announce this

Grants for this year

- Look into environmental grants for the commission

Jamies Thoughts on revisiting for the future meetings:

- Carry in Carry out system at the beaches
- Sarah sent a cool post of grocery baskets stacked at the entrance with a comment about cleaning up the beaches.
- She found a great option for Coopanhagan that has a technology called ONEPLUS that alerts you when the trash cans are full to help DPW be more efficient.