

Clean City Commission Minutes

Wednesday January 31, 2018 6:00 pm

Third floor conference room, Gloucester City Hall

In attendance: Ainsley, Nick, Bev, Jamie, Sarah, Carter, Deb Worth Telep

Agenda Items:

1. Updates on plastic bag and polystyrene ordinances: long term plan for senior and business outreach, other funding sources and purchasing bags – Awesome Gloucester, others

Nick will pull together numbers and prices on compostable bags to figure out how many we can donate to Open Door from Seaside's grant. YMCA wants to host bag making for Teen Leader Club in March – Ainsley will coordinate, Bev and Carter interested. Library will host on April 19th for school spring break activity – Carter will coordinate, see if Eric can also attend. Bev and Jamie will look into feasibility of making magnets for senior housing with bag reminder/tips – could be an Awesome Gloucester project. Carter is making bags out of feed bags to donate to senior center as personal project.

2. Updates on Sidewalk Buttlers: ideal locations for moving units, procedure for volunteer/business monitoring, status 2018 grant application

\$250 from Keep America Beautiful should arrive shortly, will put towards purchasing additional buttlers. Jamie and Sarah will reach out to Mile Marker, Stones Pub and Cape Ann Power Yoga to see if they want to sponsor extra units so we can order 5-6. Ainsley will submit Keep America Beautiful 2018 grant in February. Nick will relocate train station (within station) and laundry mat (to library) buttlers in March. Carter will cover Ainsley's units while she's away.

3. Updates from projects with Gloucester DPW

a. "Drain SmART" program applications and planning for spring

Bev attended Arts meeting in January, will work with them to improve coordination and streamline review of proposals. Perhaps start with Jamie and Carter as trial artists to ensure smooth process.

b. Booking Change is Simple programs for spring 2018

4th grade will continue with reduce, reuse, recycle lesson plan, 5th grade will focus on healthy ocean and marine debris. All 5 schools have selected dates! Ainsley will

share times when set so commission can attend, invite mayor or councilors to attend as well.

4. 2018 new projects

a. Restaurant/business recognition program

Nick will prepare materials for all to review at next meeting. Need catchy name and easy to understand logo. Bev will help with video and write up of interview of restaurants. Will coordinate with Chamber, see if other media outlets are interested as well – GDT, Other Cape, Chronical, Northshore Magazine. Jamie will help get price for sticker – need to figure out how to pay for.

b. Composting

Deb came to voice concerns about school system using Styrofoam cafeteria trays. Has interest in focusing on West Parish first, hoping to move to compostable trays, but dishwasher and reusable would be ideal end result. School has green team of students who will be making posters, students could address PTA meeting, build off/combine with momentum from spring Change is Simple program. Ainsley will look into contacts with DPW or School Board. Bev will send info on how Manchester-Essex composts and their vendor.

c. Earth Day/Great Gloucester Clean Up

Will discuss at next meeting

5. Updates on Cape Ann Maritime Partnership

a. Use of marine plastics by UMass Lowell

Will discuss at next meeting

b. Spring movie screening, Beer on the Pier

DPW is checking on funding to help sponsor A Plastic Ocean.

Will discuss at next CAMP meeting – Feb 27

6. Upcoming events:

Mass Green Network workshop – February 3, 9-4 (Ainsley, Eric, Carter)

Bag making with YMCA teen leaders – March (Ainsley, Bev, Carter)

Bag making with Children's Library – April 19th, 10 am (Carter, Eric)

A Plastic Ocean Screening – April 19 (All)

Great Gloucester Clean Up – April 22 (All)

7. Other topics as brought up by commissioners or members of the public in attendance

Sarah reviewed several types of grants – Anderson grant is better suited for CAMP – must be non-profit. CDBG is due Feb 22 – large projects. Could be used to buy a dishwasher for West Parish?

Ainsley will put Nick in contact with Fiesta chair to order new degradable confetti for Fiesta.