

Clean City Commission Agenda

Wednesday March 28, 2018 6:00 pm

Third floor conference room, Gloucester City Hall

In Attendance: Ainsley, Nick, Carter, Jamie (phone), Robin Newhall, Jennifer Schmorrow, Lianne Pallazola

Agenda Items:

1. Updates on plastic bag and polystyrene ordinances: long term plan for senior and business outreach, follow up on funding sources and purchasing bags, bag making workshops

Jamie will research bag brand that best uses \$1,000 donation, to make ordering easier for donor. YMCA bag making event went well, teens will now collect t-shirts and work on making bags throughout the spring and summer. Kestrel Center's middle school conservation club may also be interested in a similar activity. Nick facilitated donation of compostable bags and got them dropped off at Open Door, when they restock we will try to get photo op. Ainsley will introduce Carter to Val Gilman and Ken Hecht, to help with senior outreach. Children's library event is up in the air – no commissioners can attend, Carter has not yet been to O+A meeting. Need to make a decision soon.

2. Updates on Sidewalk Buttlers: status of 2018 grant application, plan to rearrange units, donation of units from Keep Massachusetts Beautiful

Did not receive \$2,500 grant from KAB, but Keep MA Beautiful is donating 3 units, may have more later this year. Ainsley connected with Mike at Sidewalk Buttler, last \$250 from last year's grant will get 3 more units. These must be picked up in Portland to get the discount – let Ainsley know if you're going up that way! Jamie will see if sign post near Pratty's bar. Nick took down unit at Stone's Pub, need Eric to clarify where it should go. Nick moved 2nd unit to library since so popular, and will work on moving train station unit next, can also relocate units from laundry mat and Café Brew. All – think about ideal locations for 6-8 units.

3. Updates from projects with Gloucester DPW

- a. "Drain SmART" program applications and planning for spring
No updates at this time

- b. Change is Simple programs for spring 2018

No updates at this time

- c. Prepping for summer beach season

Ainsley will share updates from DPW after meeting.

4. 2018 new projects

- a. Restaurant/business recognition program

Bev hopes to still volunteer with this project, Danielle has completed interview. Nick will send out draft write up when ready. Ainsley will talk to Good Morning Gloucester about running section of podcast to promote initiative. Jamie proposed simple circular logo that can be made into sticker.

- b. Composting Trays

WP Green Team may apply for Awesome Gloucester grant, difference between Styrofoam and compostable trays is only \$1,000-\$1,500 per year. Students are presenting at PTO meeting on April 11, 6:30 pm. Can attend to be supportive but not planning on speaking.

- c. Earth Day/Great Gloucester Clean Up

50 volunteers signed up so far, plus interest from Gloucester Democratic Committee, Women's Equality Cape Ann, Athleta Clothes, hoping to get more groups in the next few weeks. Working on donation requests for food, waiting to hear back from Dunkin, will go to Cape Ann Coffee next. Also received donations of lunch snacks from Ma and Pa's Pickles and Pigeon Cove Ferments.

5. Updates on Cape Ann Maritime Partnership

- a. Use of marine plastics by UMass Lowell

No updates at this time

- b. Spring movie screening, Beer on the Pier

Flier is out to promote A Plastic Ocean, share on Facebook.

- 6. Upcoming events: A Plastic Ocean Screening – April 19, Great Gloucester Clean Up – April 22, Lanesville clean up – May 12

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

Bev has stepped down due to scheduling demands, she hopes to continue volunteering on projects when she's able.

Robin, Jennifer and Lianne attended meeting to share concerns with gulls getting into trash bags. They gave public comments at City Council meeting on 3/27, and are planning to attend Ken Hecht's Ward 2 meeting as well. Concerns include: gulls being fed and nesting on roofs, gulls attacking trash bags as soon as they're put outside, resulting in huge mess, neighbors putting out bags the night before. Discussed use of trash cans, even if just for downtown area, if not feasible for whole city, making sure people feeding birds are reported to ACO or animal advisory committee, working together with DPW, City Council and Animal Advisory committee.