



Clarke County Litter Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 18, 2022 – 5:30PM

Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	✓ (phone attendance)
Tom Bauhan (arrived at 5:46)	✓
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	✓
Mary Martin	✓

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Feaga (Preservation Planner / GIS Coordinator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)

OTHER PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison) was not present for meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

Approval of Agenda:

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the July 18, 2022 meeting agenda.

Motion to approve the July 18, 2022 Meeting Agenda as presented by Staff:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
Tom Bauhan	ABSENT
John Keim	AYE (MOVED)
Meg Roque	AYE
Mary Martin	AYE (SECONDED)

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2022:

The Committee voted 5-0-0 to approve the April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented by Staff.

Motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented by Staff:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
Tom Bauhan	ABSENT
John Keim	AYE (MOVED)
Meg Roque	AYE
Mary Martin	AYE (SECONDED)

Equipment Updates:

Two heavy duty roadside signs that display “Litter Crew Ahead” were purchased for use by the litter committee using funds from the FY 2022 DEQ Litter Grant.

The issue of where to store equipment remains unresolved. Equipment needs to be available at most times to all in the Litter Committee. Mr. Feaga offered to speak to Clarke County Parks and Recreation to see if they would have a convenient and accessible place for storing equipment. As Clarke Government buildings are closed on evenings and weekends, Ms. Harrison and Mr. Keim both offered to keep the equipment in

sheds at their homes. This storage location would allow access for others in the committee. Ms. Harrison noted that her home is more centrally located to others in the Litter Committee than Mr. Keim's house. The committee did not finalize where they want to keep equipment.

Trash Free Shenandoah Event and Video:

Mr. Feaga announced the Trash Free Shenandoah Video produced by Downstream Media is available on Vimeo. The tee-shirts provided by Trash Free Shenandoah were handed out to members of the Litter Committee.

Ms. Harrison was interested in following up with Dustin Dunagan, who works for Stormwater Systems and offered to give the Litter Committee a tour of some of the in-stream litter debris collectors that are used in the Washington D.C. area. Mr. Feaga explained that these systems are usually deployed in densely populated urban areas, but that he could reach out to Mr. Dunagan to see if he could provide some education to the Litter Committee about the logistics and utility of the debris traps.

Planning and engagement for Summer and Fall 2022

Ms. Harrison and Mr. Baum were was interested in connecting with Christi McMullen, who has successfully set up a pilot program for accepting and grinding glass bottles dropped off at the Quarry Road Transfer Facility. The idea of volunteering with Ms. McMullen was suggested. Another idea was to have Ms. McMullen present to The Committee.

Ms. Harrison suggested that it might be interesting to invite someone from the company Ridge Runner to educate the Litter Committee about the recycling process.

Ms. Harrison noted how much trash gets thrown around the fairgrounds during their events, and suggested that the Litter Committee could pick up litter during an event. This would have the effect of promoting our organization and encouraging others to dispose of their own trash and help pick up trash when encountered. Ms. Maddox suggested that the Litter Committee set up an information table at the fair, and that Litter Committee members attend and pick up trash. Mr. Feaga suggested we wear our Trash Free Shenandoah tee shirts to identify our organization.

Mr. Feaga suggested that we set a date for late September or after the normal paddling season to pick up the boat landings along the river. A date was not decided.

Adopt a highway

Ms. Harrison suggested that litter be regularly picked up from then the entrance and exit ramps at the interchange of Route 7 and Route 340. Mr. Feaga asked if that area would be a candidate for adoption in the adopt a road program. Mr. Feaga pointed out a map where all roads that were highlighted used to be adopted, but were no longer, as these seemed to be good candidates for adoption. Ms. Harrison suggested that each committee member vote on one road that they would like to adopt. Ms. Martin noted that the period of adoption is 3 years. Mr. Feaga suggested that the 5 different roads suggested by each committee member could be ranked by each committee member in order of interest for adoption, so that the road with the most votes be selected.

The committee agreed that the roads leading to Frederick County were good candidates for a road adoption. The committee decided to continue to discuss which roads should be up for adoption by the Clarke County Litter Committee. In the meantime, Ms. Harrison suggested we start to gather names of volunteers who would assist The Committee on litter pick up events, especially those associated with a road adoption.

Fiscal Year 2023 DEQ Litter Grant Funds

Mr. Feaga noted that the application was submitted to the DEQ for FY 2023 Litter Grant Funds, and that the DEQ acknowledged receipt of the application, but wanted to give the County a second opportunity to elect whether it wanted to participate in the EPS (Extended Polystyrene) campaign. The projected expectations of having an EPS campaign were discussed, including educating restaurants in the county, potentially demonstrating alternatives to EPS materials, and calculating the costs of switching from EPS materials. Mr. Feaga reminded The Committee that the deliverables of an EPS campaign, if adopted, would need to be completed within FY 2023. Participation in the EPS Campaign was brought to a vote.

Participation in the EPS Campaign as part of FY 2023 DEQ Litter Grant:

The Committee voted 4-1-0 to participate in FY 2023 EPS Campaign.

Motion to participate in FY 2023 EPS Campaign:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
Tom Bauhan	AYE (MOVED)
John Keim	AYE (SECONDED)
Meg Roque	AYE
Mary Martin	NAY

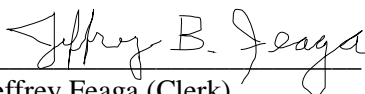
The motion carried, the Litter Committee requests that the county add the EPS campaign to the DEQ Litter Grant application for FY 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:41PM. The next Clarke County Litter Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

The Committee voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the July 18 meeting at 6:41PM.

Motion to adjourn the July 18, 2022 Litter Committee meeting at 6:41PM:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
John Keim	AYE (SECONDED)
Mary Martin	AYE
Tom Bauhan	AYE
Meg Roque	AYE (MOVED)



 Jeffrey Feaga (Clerk)