**The Delaware Anti-Dumping and Anti-Littering Task Force**

*Meeting Minutes*

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

**DelDOT - Farmington/Felton Conference Room**

**800 Bay Road**

**Dover, DE 19903**

**Members Present:**

Mark Alexander (CHAIR) Director of Maintenance & Operations, DelDOT

Ralph (Dirk) Durstein III Department of Justice

Major Galen Purcell Delaware State Police

Michael D. Parkowski Delaware Solid Waste Authority

Senator Gary Simpson State Senator, Republican Caucus

Kelly A. Williams Governor Appointee, City of Wilmington

Julie Miro Wenger DE Non-Profit Environmental Advocacy Community, DE Food Industry Council

Tina Shockley Department of Education

Kurt Pilarski Waste Management

**Members Absent:**

Jennifer Cohan Secretary, DelDOT

Dee Durham DE Non-Profit Environmental Advocacy Community, Bring Your Own Bag

Pamela J. Bakerian Delaware State Farm Bureau

Marjorie Crofts DNREC

Robert Tunnell III Delaware Waste-Hauling Business, Blue Hen Disposal

Vacant Department of Correction

**IF Desired Members:**

Senator Karen Peterson State Senator, Democratic Caucus

Representative Rich Collins State Representative, Republican Caucus

Michael Costello Sussex County

**DelDOT Support Staff:**

Evan Park Legislative Liaison, DelDOT

Carol Cain Environmental Scientist IV, DelDOT

Lesley Devine Executive Assistant to the Secretary, DelDOT

**Guests:**

Terra Taylor Department of Correction

Robert Mooney Delaware Crime Stoppers

1. **Welcome –** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Task Force Chairman Mark Alexander.
2. **Introductions –** All members, staff and guests introduced themselves.
3. **Meeting Minutes Review -** Senator Peterson made a motion to approve the August 9, meeting minutes and Representative Collins seconded the motion. No one opposed and the minutes were approved without changes.
4. **Presentations:**
5. Robert Mooney gave a presentation on Crime Stoppers. He went over how the program works and the rewards that are offered. Representative Collins asked if this is a Delaware state program or a national thing. Mr. Mooney said that they are part of 387 organizations across the nation. They are incorporated in Delaware and the organization in its entirety is strictly non-profit. Representative Collins asked if 1-800-847-3333 is unique to Delaware and Mr. Mooney replied yes. They are under [www.Delawarecrimestoppers.org](http://www.Delawarecrimestoppers.org) and you can also submit a tip under [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) because it’s available 24/7. There was some further discussion about reporting efforts, advertising, the tip process, funding and the logistics of potentially doing Crime Stoppers statewide.
6. Julie Miro Wenger gave a presentation on Keep America Beautiful. Keep Delaware Beautiful will be doing a Strategic Planning Session with Keep America Beautiful on November 10. Julie Miro Wenger hopes to have Keep Delaware Beautiful up and running by the new year. The Task Force discussed some advertising possibilities and potential grant money for Keep Delaware Beautiful.

Representative Collins asked if there is anything that Keep America Beautiful does to coordinate with schools to get the message out through the children. Ms. Wenger said there biggest component is education for children because they recognize and believe that if you don’t start young then you end up with senior citizens that just never did it. You have to start in homes with kids and it’s from them bringing that message home from school. Some of the things Keep America Beautiful does are poster contests and campaign posters that provide in school education.

1. Tina Shockley, Policy Advisor with the Department of Education (DOE) gave a presentation from education’s perspective. Representative Collins expressed that he didn’t think education would play a role of convincing anyone, but rather being a conduit to allow the information to get to the kids and to the parents through an organization that spends all of their time scientifically figuring out how this works. It could be one or two handouts a year and/or an assembly. Senator Peterson mentioned coloring books that teach the kids a lesson like when you throw something in the water and the fish eat it, but then they die. Kids will get that and they will get the effects of what happens when you throw trash in the water. You wouldn’t have to re-write a curriculum to do it or a public hearing to do it. It’s real simple because the kids can color and learn a lesson.

Julie Miro Wenger recommended at some point we need to get our schools on board with recycling. As it stands right now the school districts manage their own trash contracts and one of the things they are not required to do is recycle, so a push would need to come from DOE to say your school needs to consider adding recycling into their contracts. Kurt Pilarski said that scholarship programs that could somehow be funded through the state that speak to environmental controls and enforcement. Another thing is the high schools have advanced college credits earnings where they become part of a parallel initiative of the program. The sooner you can get all of the kids involved that is how you are going to clean up the communities.

1. **Old Business**
2. The Chairman gave an update on the Task Force Report that is due on September 30, 2016. He compiled all the input he received to date and handed out a draft report for considered actionable recommendations. The Chair continued to discuss the items on his hand out and requested feedback from the Task Force in order to complete the report.

Julie Miro Wenger requested working together #6 and #14 on the handout instead of creating this separate new entity of a strike force. Ms. Wenger stated that maybe we can expand Crime Stoppers to be statewide. Representative Collins stated that we need a central reporting area and a person who has a job description that includes they will make sure it gets to the right place whether it is the president or whoever it might be and they will make sure the job is completed. If the people of our state and all the legislators knew there was a number they can call that had nothing to do with crime. We just need someone who cares and pays attention after this committee disbands.

The Chair asked for Kelly William’s help with #9. Ms. Williams replied they encourage local businesses to install security cameras in reoccurring areas where dumping has happened more than once. If there is an instance then they call Public Works and it’s referred to DNREC. It’s a way for a private business who’s been the victim of dumping to help and assist in an arrest and it has resulted in arrests.

The Chair asked for clarification from Major Purcell on #12 for utilizing Cornerstone. Cornerstone is like an online learning center where officers are required to log on for a minimum amount of time each month to reinforce policies on a constant basis.

1. **New Business**
2. Discussion on taking a tour at DSWA – Michael Parkowski stated that the next scheduled meeting date will be a tough day for a tour because a few members have meetings in Sussex County. The Task Force agreed that they would like to take a tour at DSWA. Michael Parkowski stated he can arrange the tour any time with the whole Task Force or those that are interested. The Chair stated that Lesley Devine will send an e-mail out in October to see who would be interested in a tour.
3. **Discussion of Future Agenda Items –** Task Force Members expressed starting the next meeting on September 21, at 9:00 a.m., instead of 11:00 a.m. Lesley Devine will check to see if the conference room is available at 9:00 a.m., and send out an update. The Chair recommended making the next meeting two hours instead of an hour and a half.

The Chair stated that the main agenda for next meeting will be the report, but to date he doesn’t have anything from the Delaware Solid Waste or the Hauling Industry and he really needs something. Michael Parkowski mentioned that he has some things that he can provide.

Representative Collins expressed that he thinks Keep Delaware Beautiful should come up with a slogan that will stick in people’s minds.

The chair stated that the path forward after the report is issued needs to be included in the report.  Please think about a recommended path forward on the actionable recommendations.

1. **Public Comment –** No public comment was made.
2. **Adjourn –** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Major Purcell and seconded by Representative Collins. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**Attachments:** Robert Mooney’s handout, Julie Miro Wenger’s presentation, Tina Shockley’s presentation, and the Chairman’s handout

**Minutes Prepared By:** Lesley Devine, DelDOT