

**Common Ground Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2006**

Present: Nancy Devaney, David Jannelle, Joseph Meister, Toni O'Neil, Tony Pelopida, Kristen Quinlan, AnneMarie Silveira, Danielle Tancredi, George Tracy, Mark Wood, & Adam Zibly

APPROVAL OF 11/15/05 MINUTES

Minutes from 11/15/05 were approved.

REVIEW UPDATED ALOCHOL LICENSE HOLDER'S LIST

The person who has access to the alcohol license holder's list is currently on vacation. We will work to access this list for the next meeting.

GUIDED DISCUSSION OF MEMBER SURVEY

Based on data from last year's member survey, the subcommittee explored issues related to subcommittee structure, member satisfaction, and member confidence in subcommittee success. Based on this discussion, subcommittee members suggested that we work to:

- Obtain a representative from the Judicial system on our subcommittee
- Establish new goals
- Review the minimum mandatory fines in other municipalities, to see if we can create change in Narragansett.
- Revisit and perhaps re-establish task forces for work on specific goals
- Begin to compile outcome data for Narragansett so that we can assess the impact of our efforts.

UPDATE ON RHODEMAP INITIATIVES FOR SPRING

Student Senate will vote on Rhody Rides, a student-led safe-ride initiative, on 1/25/06. The program seeks to initially run on Friday and Saturday nights, expanding its hours if successful. Although a version of this safe-ride program has been implemented on other campuses, it has never before been implemented and evaluated. The larger Common Ground grant will be working on program evaluation.

Approximately 75% of Narragansett Taverns are on board with the Tavern/Package Store Agreement. We are currently working with Valerie McGuire and Tony Balbi to expand the agreement into South Kingstown.

In the spring, Rhodemap to Safety will focus additional advertising toward the Narragansett community, so that residents can hear about the efforts that are being made to reduce harms related to student alcohol use.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Some breathalyzer refusal legislation was heard this afternoon at the State House. By the February meeting, we plan to have the bill numbers of all upcoming legislation (e.g., social host liability laws, breathalyzer refusal laws), as well as a review of how to best begin advocating for legislation.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Mark Wood talked about the annual surveys that have been conducted as part of the larger Common Ground grant. We have completed two annual surveys with students, and 2 annual surveys with

Narragansett residents. We will put together relevant information from these surveys for subcommittee review. Preliminary data from the 2 annual student surveys suggests that students are hearing more enforcement messages. In 2004, only 30% of students had heard of increased enforcement efforts. In 2005, the percentage increased to 70% of students.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21 at 6pm in the small conference room of the Narragansett Town Hall.

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES (FROM 1/26/06)

On 1/25/06, the Student Senate approved Rhody Rides. Volunteers will be trained over the next few weeks.