

**Narragansett-URI Coalition Steering committee meeting  
October 23, 2008**

**Attendees:**

Nancy Devaney  
Robert Storme  
Kerry Koppenaal  
Jeff Ceasarine  
Phil Bowers  
Desiree Dugan  
Josh Feinberg  
Matthew Robenhymmer  
Joseph Little, Chief  
Leslie Williams  
Katrina Crosby  
James Durkin  
Gerry McCarthy  
Eileen Desforges  
Carol Stuart

**Affiliation:**

Narr.Prevention Ptnrshp  
NPD  
Pan-Hellenic council; URI  
Town of Narragansett  
Inter-fraternity council;URI  
NPD  
Student senate;URI  
Ann O'Brien Realty  
NPD  
URI  
URI  
Narr. Town council  
Neighborhd.assoc.(Scarboro)  
Neighborhd.assoc.(Vill.Pt.Judith)  
Neighborhd.assoc.(Eastwd.Lk.)

Gerry McCarthy, co-chair, called the meeting to order @ 4 p.m. Minutes were read. Following corrections were introduced by Eileen Desforges:

- a) Need to include statement made by her re: committee work on "rooming houses" in the minutes of Sept. as it was referenced in Sept. meeting, but statement was omitted.
- b) Clarification was provided re: make-up of the steering committee as it pertains to neighborhoods. Each neighborhood rep. is actually representing all 12 neighborhoods that make up the Narr. Community Connection group, not just their own neighborhood.
- c) Include statement re: Vill of Pt. Judith planning to participate along with Eastward Look and Bonnet Shores in a welcoming Neighborhood Day in early Sept. when the students arrive.

Minutes will be read and accepted at the next Steering committee meeting.

**Item 1** Gerry McCarthy called this meeting to discuss the agenda he had forwarded to all members re: November 19<sup>th</sup> public Narragansett/URI Coalition meeting. G. McCarthy reported that he and R. Shields met with Robert Beagle, VP of URI to discuss Mr. Beagle's role as guest speaker at the coalition's Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. His topic will be "URI's Rebranding Campaign" to change the image of the university.

The topic of the updating of URI's website relating to our coalition information was also addressed and Mr. Beagle will be looking into resolving that issue to include employing a student to maintain the website. P. Bowers volunteered to consider the position.

**Item 2:** J. Ceasarine updated the group on the current ACLU lawsuit dealing with the "nuisance ordinance". It is in the discovery phase and likely will be heard in December.

**Item 3:** Chief Little stated he will be presenting information re: social host, transporting alcohol, procurement and possession of same. D. Dugan explained the details. They agreed about 30 minutes will be required at the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for presentation.

**Item 4:** Protocols/process for the Nov. meeting was decided as follows: a) each questioner will have 3 minutes to ask a question and receive a response. b) brevity and civility will be emphasized and maintained.

**Item 5:** Publicity was discussed. URI and J. Ceasarine will issue a press release. URI student newspaper may also write an article.

**Item 6:** Location of event will depend on anticipated size of participants. It will be either the North Beach Club or town hall. J. Ceasrine will check on availability of the rooms.

**Item 7:** Nancy Devaney was introduced and announced the receipt of a "Drug Free Community Grant" for \$616,000 five year grant. She and her staff will utilize "environmental strategies" to accomplish the following: a) expand law enforcement to include party patrols, cops in shops, compliance checks; b) will work with South Kingstown; c) URI mentor/internship program will be expanded d) plans to employ focus groups and surveys as part of the research which is being conducted by Brandeis University.

N. Devaney requested the steering committee/neighborhoods agree to participate in the focus groups. Discussion ensued re: date for participation. Decision was to delay until Feb. 2009 when students returned from winter break.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Stuart

