

City Of Shelton, Anti-Litter Committee
March 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Shelton City Hall, Room 104

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gil Pastore at 7:03PM. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Gil Pastore, Chairman
Teresa Gallagher
Mike Clay
Ron Pilkowicz
Ingrid Waters
Lorie Evans
Sheryl Maybeck-Dutkanicz

Also Present:

Alderman John Anglace
Tom Welch, Corporation Counsel

3. Public Portion

Alderman Anglace: Thank you for the good work that you are doing because you can see it around town. There's times when you take your lives in your hands walking the streets. We've been trying to enforce some of these things.

I filed a complaint about the Yellow Book in my driveway. They haven't kept their word so it's time to hold them accountable.

There are some many different entities that deliver the books and they come out of different places.

Tom Welch: After that complaint I met with Lt. Moore as to what's litter. The mayor and the Board of Aldermen want strict enforcement of the litter laws. By April or May we'll have two changes. First we'll regulate solicitors and peddlers. They'll be registered before they go out and they'll be advised of the rules. Second, we want to define litter a little bit better. There's a State of Connecticut statute under "Tree Protection" (23-65). (The applicable sections were read.). We're going to take the language from the statute and put it in our rules.

Alderman Anglace: Our litter ordinance goes back to 2001.

Teresa: There was a resolution about the phone books.

Alderman Anglace: What they're doing is getting people to pass the books out. There's advertising on their bags. Each time they have to register and are told about the rules and if they don't follow them then they're in violation.

We'll send a copy of the proposed changes to you and a public hearing will be at the end of May.

Teresa: If five phone books are left is that five occurrences or one?

Tom Welch: I would think that it's five times.

Alderman Anglace: When Tom comes up with the draft we'll share it and go over it. They brought this on themselves.

Ron Pilkowicz: How will they know?

Alderman Anglace: Once we pass an ordinance it's their responsibility.

Tom Welch: We'll reach out also.

Alderman Anglace: We'll leave you with that so you don't get discouraged and think that you're not getting the support. We've tried to work this out but it didn't work so we'll go a different direction.

4. Approval of the January & February 2015 Minutes.

Lorie Evans made a motion to approve the January & February 2015 minutes as written. The motion was approved by Ron Pilkowicz. All were in favor.

5. Update for Adopt-A-Street

There is nothing new to report.

6. Planning for Clean Sweep 2015

- Teresa passed out this year's patches with the Split Rock Turkey on them. They look great!
- Sheri shared an article about the Split Rock Turkey.
- Everyone is to take signs and put them around the City.
- We must get the signs out.
- We need a press release to go out.
- The flyers look good. They can go out.

7. Comments by Members

- Unsecured loads that fall off of commercial trucks, the commercial vehicles driving by and parking on the side of the road are a problem. This is a bigger problem on Bridgeport Avenue because it is a State road.
- Teresa: The letter to Walmart was sent in either January or February. I would like to include it with the March minutes.
- Sheryl: It's a constant battle but we do what we can, even if it gets frustrating or you feel burnt out. Maybe you can change what you're doing.
- Lorie: Should we go door to door to ask for help picking up the litter on their road?
- I think that we need to focus on the businesses.
- Teresa: As a Committee we should write to the Board of Aldermen and let them know the roads that are too dangerous for volunteers to pick up.

Teresa Gallagher made a motion to have the Anti-litter Committee write a letter to the Board of Aldermen in order to inform them which roads in Shelton are too dangerous for volunteers to pick up. The motion was seconded by Ingrid Waters. All were in favor.

- Aquarion Water Company is looking for "Environmental Champions". \$2,500 will be donated to the charity of the winner's choice.

Teresa Gallagher made a motion to nominate George Waters in the "Adult" category and The Housatonic River Estuary Commission for the "Non-profit" category. Tigh and Bond should be nominated for the "Small and large business" category. Sheryl Maybeck-Dutkanicz seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Lorie: Maybe we should wait until after Clean Sweep to nominate.

Vote:

All were in favor.

8. Adjournment – Next Meeting April 22, 2015

Ron Pilkowicz made a motion to adjourn at 8:30PM. Lorie Evans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by K. Anglace, clerk

