

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order /Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Members Present:

Gil Pastore, Chairman
Teresa Gallagher
Dave Edgeworth
Ingrid Waters
Ron Pilkowicz
Sheri Dutkanicz

3. Public Portion

No one from the public was present.

4. Approval of the November 2017 minutes.

Ron Herrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting. Sheri Dutkanicz seconded. All were in favor.

5. Update on Adopt-A-Street.

Nothing to report.

6. Balloons. Members discussed local promotions that encourage people to tie helium balloons to mailboxes. Some of the balloons break free in the wind and these balloons land as trash. Teresa Gallagher noted there is also a problem with ‘greenwashing’ latex balloons by the balloon industry, claiming they are biodegradable. She took a latex balloon she found almost two years ago and set it in the woods on her property to study. The balloon and string are still there. There is a group at the High School that ties up helium balloons on mailboxes for graduating students for a fee as a fundraiser. Committee members decided to send a letter to the group encouraging them to find other alternatives.

7. Clean Sweep.

- Teresa Gallagher presented a patch design which was accepted by committee members. The design features the Hope Lake dam.
- Gil Pastore updated the flyer.
- Teresa Gallagher created a new online form for Clean Sweep registration and updated the website at DontTrashShelton.org.
- The Housatonic River Cleanup is April 21, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- The Anti-Litter Committee will host a Clean Sweep event along Shelton Avenue at Shelton Lakes, meeting at the powerlines (date and time not set).
- Alderman John Anglace forwarded a copy of the Committee’s request for a City website page dedicated to community service to the administrative assistant in charge of the website. The page



would be a portal to community service opportunities with the City of Shelton at the library, trails, litter, etc., and is a way to advertise Clean Sweep. However, there have been no changes to the website. May 1 is the deadline for High School community service, so people will be looking for this information soon. Teresa Gallagher said she gets a lot of calls in April and will check the status of this request.

- Clean Sweep Publicity: Committee members have seen a drop off in participation. The event is publicized via the DontTrashShelton website and via social media, articles are run in the Herald, road signs are placed by members in April, and displays are set up at the Community Center and City Hall. Members discussed other ways to publicize the site, including schools, businesses, news publications, libraries, and churches. Teresa Gallagher will print out flyers at City Hall and make them available to committee members for distribution. The Committee has not been successful in garnering support from the schools, a critical element of any litter program. Teresa Gallagher suggested that a meeting be set up with the Superintendent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Teresa Gallagher and should be considered draft minutes until approved by the Anti-Litter Committee.