

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order /Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gil Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Members Present:

Gil Pastore (Chairman), Teresa Gallagher, Ingrid Waters, Ron Pilkowicz. Absent: Dave Edgeworth, Sheri Dutkanicz

3. Public Portion: No one wished to speak.

4. Approval of the February 28, 2018 minutes.

Ron Pilkowicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Ingrid Waters seconded. All were in favor.

5. Adopt-a-Street Update.

Teresa Gallagher reported that that Good Hope Church recently moved and could no longer maintain Commerce Drive. They were interested in doing a portion of Route 110 near the Richard Belden Center where they are now located, but that is a state road. It is frustrating that the State bureaucracy keeps us from getting these streets cleaned up. Maybe this is something we could discuss with Jason Perillo and Ben McGorty.

6. Clean Sweep 2018:

The Committee discussed the success of the first weekend, which was helped by good weather. 260 Shelton residents participated in the annual Housatonic River Cleanup, mostly High School students. About 35 people participated in the first annual Shelton Lakes cleanup, including two Girl Scout Troops.

7. Comments by Members:

Teresa Gallagher described a recent drive through Ridgefield and the lack of litter, then getting off of Route 8 at exit 11 on the way home and seeing litter all along the road. She said she spoke previously with a woman who helped start their program and was told that Ridgefield had a terrible litter problem before they started. People still litter quite a bit in Ridgefield. They have many people driving around town who are in the service industry, construction crews, landscaping, etc. who do not live in Ridgefield. But a good percentage of Ridgefield residents quickly pick up the litter. They have more people chipping in. We need to persuade more people to get involved. One thing that might help is getting some of the City leaders involved picking up litter to set an example, like Dick Belden used to do.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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