

## City of Shelton Anti-Litter Committee Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

Shelton City Hall Room 104

**Members Present:** Gil Pastore (Chair), Ken Chirsky, Teresa Gallagher, Joe Welsh, David Edgeworth **Absent:** Dana Pagano, Mary King, Ken Chirsky, Cheryl McMahon, Sharon Herman

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm. The meeting room was changed to Room 305 due to Early Voting in Room 104.

**Approval of Minutes:** David Edgeworth made a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2024. Gil Pastore asked the minutes to be modified to show that his neighbors helped him remove a refrigerator from the Far Mill River. The motion was so modified and seconded by Ken Chirsky. All were in favor.

**2025 Meeting Dates:** Teresa Gallagher made a motion to meet at 6:30 pm in Room 104 of City Hall on the following dates in 2025, which are the fourth Wednesday of each month excluding August, November, and December: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Sept. 24, and Oct. 22. Seconded by David Edgeworth. All were in favor.



Photo: Litter collected by volunteers with Shelton Clean-Up Project

### **Recently Reported Clean-Up Activities (since September 25, 2024):**

- Shelton Clean-Up Project removed litter from Wooster Street N and Maple Street (30 bags, TV, desk, metal cabinet, stroller, cushions, and a wood table).
- Shelton Clean-Up Project cleaned up Hull Street, Wharf St, and Howe Ave. near Rt 8 (15 bags and a coil from a large AC condenser).

*The above listed efforts only include ones that the Litter Committee was made aware of via the reporting form at DontTrashShelton.org. Most litter cleanups are not recorded with the Litter Committee. Clean-ups do not include regular efforts by Parks & Rec or Highways & Bridges staff, DOT crews, or most Adopt-a-Street participants.*

**Clean Sweep Status:** Teresa Gallagher researched who the new Shelton Service Unit contact is for 2024-2025 and reached out to her asking why no Girl Scout troops have been participating in Clean Sweep the past few years. Is there a problem with the program or a lack of communication? She has not heard back yet.

She was also asked to write an article about the Clean Sweep patches for the winter edition of Shelton Life. Some of the patches have an interesting story, like the 2015 patch featuring the turkey that lived in the intersection of Split Rock for several months and the 2017 patch featuring the newly chosen official city flower.

**Nipper Surcharge funds and recordkeeping:** There was no update.

### **Top Ten List:**

- Mill Street and Nells Rock Road between Oak Valley Road and Bridgeport Ave: Teresa Gallagher asked Brian Roach (Highways & Bridges Dept.) for a cleanup. Ken Chirsky reported that Nells Rock Road between Oak Valley Road and Bridgeport Ave. was in bad shape.

**Fall Clean-up Project:** The Committee is cohosting a work party with Shelton Clean-Up Project at the Shelton Lakes Greenway on November 2, 9:00 - 11:00 am. The meeting location is at the Rt 108 powerlines crossing between Nells Rock Road and Willoughby Road. The event has been posted and shared via the Trails Committee's email list and blog because the clean-up includes some of the trails at Shelton Lakes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

*Minutes were drafted by Teresa Gallagher and should be considered draft until approved by the Anti-Litter Committee members.*