

Anti-Littering Advisory Meeting November 29, 2012 Sunnycrest

In attendance: Carol Bartlett, Maury Lavoie, John Loker, Andy Morneau, Kerri Stanley, Gary Stewart, Carol Tomaselli

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. We reviewed the Minutes from our 10/18/12 meeting and they were approved.

Old business: We had asked that the signs on Gilcreast and Adams be moved and they have been moved. Jim Baroody, Old Derry Rd resident, has been asking about getting ante-littering signs for his road. A request was put into Bob Kerry about getting reflective signs that Jim and his neighbors were willing to pay for. We have yet to hear back from Bob. Jim had hoped to be at tonight's meeting but couldn't and will try to make our next meeting.

Carol Bartlett talked about our sticker program and that fact that it was pretty much a flop with the local businesses. Carol suggested we give the stickers to the schools to put on trash barrels inside and outside the schools. This way the stickers will get seen and be used since the businesses aren't receptive. The high school Environmental Club could take on this task.

It was also suggested that the highway dept cut back the weeds along the main roads with the sidewalks (Gilcreast by Moose Hill School) where littering is prevalent which may deter littering. Carol had emailed Donna Limoli about getting a group to clean up the area but needed supervision for their safety. Donna never emailed back. Andy has, however, gotten quick response from Donna when he has asked for the hwy dept to cut back long weeds. Maintaining these areas would definitely improve the town's image. It does not present Londonderry as a prosperous town when the areas around the Welcome signs are overgrown with weeds and scattered with litter. Gary said there was a problem with some of the Welcome signs this year and he isn't sure how far from the signs is included to be maintained by the sponsors. Carol also proposed that we go back and address with the town the possibility of putting the Adopt-A-Highway program or something similar. We had been told we couldn't touch state owned roads but would like to look into this further. Businesses might be interested in participating this way, as some have even asked, such as Hannaford.

Should we approach the highway dept to step up and assist with some of the maintenance needed, like weed whacking, litter pick up, etc.? They have always answered to our individual requests, but it seems that it is always only after having to ask. If we gave them a general long term list, would that work or will we need to make a request every time it is needed?

It has been discouraging to maintain Gilcreast when the grass is so high and so infested with ticks. When these grasses are mowed, the trash gets shredded. The drain sewers will eventually get clogged from all of the litter. Carol B would like to see Gilcreast picked up to avoid the risk of clogged drains. Carol T said she is willing to meet with the hwy dept with these and other requests and get clarification on some unanswered questions we have. Carol T wondered if we asked V.I.P and/or Wendy's to pick up the trash along the fence along Route 102 just off the highway and in return, mention their names in the newspapers as maintaining sponsors, if doing so would improve that area visually.

We will plan to start to discuss the spring Roadside Pride drive in January and are hopeful our second year will be more successful than this year's first attempt. Carol T will contact Karen Renick about meeting with them and will ask for support this time. We will plan 3 weekends in early spring. We need to publicize the drive early enough to make residents aware and will notify civic groups so they can fulfill community service requirements.

John Loker will check with one of the custodians about whether we could put stickers on barrels - inside and out. Carol B will talk to Katie Sullivan about inviting the clubs to participate in the Roadside Pride.

It was asked what the status was of the other members of the committee. None have told us they wish to resign from the group so we are not sure. Hopefully they will rejoin us at the meetings and if they can't, will let us know. Moreover, they can continue to receive Meeting Minutes if they prefer.

We will meet again Thur, Jan 17, 2013 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.