

Anti-Littering Advisory Committee (ALAC)
February 23, 2011

The meeting was held in the Sunnycrest Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

Present: Mike Brown, Chris Decelles, Ben Labrecque, Maurice Lavoie, John Loker, Paul Margolin, Andre Morneau, Doris Nirmaier, Kerri Stanley, Carol Tomaselli

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The meeting began at 7:05 PM. Paul chaired the first part of the meeting, beginning by asking all in attendance to write down in two sentences or less what prompted us to be here. He collected the responses and stated that he planned to combine them in a form of a letter to the Editor.

Paul showed everyone a blue folder, the contents of which are the start of a "library" for this committee, including SWAC Minutes from October 2010 and November 2010 meetings; key points from John Loker that were taken at the first informal meeting on 2/2/11, extracts from Londonderry Municipal Code – Title I General Code; Title XXI Motor Vehicles – Chapter 265 Rules of the Road; Title XII – Public Safety and Welfare; State program; information from people who couldn't attend but have expressed interest in helping (D. Ellis, G. Stewart), as well as extracts from members of committee from past (other) meetings (i.e., M. Lavoie, K. Stanley, J. Wissler); Londonderry Times article, Derry News article on plans to form the committee, Union Leader Sep '09 article on Windham's Griffin Park permit program.*

We reviewed the rules of how the meeting is to be run, followed by an overview and explanation by Mike Brown (current Councilman and Liaison to SWAC) about RSA Ch 91-A. This "Revised Statutes Annotated" is a Right to Know Law. Eventually, we can have our own town link on web site, as we exist as a sub-committee to SWAC and in the interim, can piggyback our information on their link.

We discussed the fines the town and state incur on littering. The state fines are up to \$2K/1 year imprisonment; Londonderry fines are higher than state's, which is allowed.

Mike Brown suggested having a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary appointed for the committee. Since they would be public meetings, notifications must be sent to the public. The Chairperson would reserve the room, inform the Executive Assistant (Margo Lapietro) to the Town Manager (Dave Caron), and present an agenda for Margo to post a minimum of 1 week prior to the scheduled meeting. Margo will post location/time of said meeting and take care of posting in a public place, such as newspaper, library, cable slide, etc.)

We briefly touched upon Beautify Londonderry and the likelihood that it would soon become a formal subcommittee to SWAC as ALAC is.

The Minutes of all meetings are to be kept public, draft copies of which to be available to the public within 5 business days after each meeting. The Minutes are to be reviewed and approved (with or without changes) at the following scheduled meeting, and sent to Margo for record keeping, to replace draft, etc. When decisions and votes are to be made at each meeting, it should be noted who makes the motion, who seconds them, any discussion, and recorded in Minutes. Also included in Minutes should be names of all in attendance, actions and deadlines, plans for the next meeting, adjournment. All of the aforementioned was reviewed in the three handouts from Mike Brown.

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Mike advised about the use of emails and to use it to only correspond Meeting Minutes, confirmations, etc., and not to disseminate ideas, topics, etc. (This was also included in one of the three handouts).

Mike noted his first time serving as a volunteer within a committee was for the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) was when he learned about all of the out-of-compliance rules of his own home. As volunteers, we shouldn't be scared of the details of all of the rules we need to follow as a committee, and to ask questions when in doubt.

We then reviewed the current litter problem, including notes from the SWAC meeting from 9/10/10, and suggestions and ideas.

At this point, Paul Margolin and Mike Brown summarized their final thoughts before exiting the meeting, leaving the members of the committee to select a formal name, appoint chairpersons and secretary, and finish the meeting. They departed at 8:14 PM.

We discussed possible names for the committee. Suggestions were The Trash Committee, Trash-Stalkers, Litter Police, Litter Control, Londonderry Litter Pickers, Litter-Free Londonderry, Anti-Littering Advisory Committee (ALAC). It was unanimously decided that we would go with the latter and being recognized by the acronym "ALAC". Ben LeBreque made a motion to accept this name. Carol Tomaselli seconded the motion.

We then chose the leading members of the committee. Ben LeBreque was nominated as Chairperson, Carol Tomaselli as Vice-chairperson, and Kerri Stanley as Secretary. A motion to accept the aforementioned was made by Ben LeBreque, which was seconded by Doris Nirmaier, and unanimously passed by all.

The next meeting was confirmed to take place on 3/16/11. We plan to discuss key issues at each meeting, and mention our individual concerns to prioritize for future meetings. The Woodmont Room has already been reserved by Paul Margolin, and it was decided that the committee would plan to meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

We reiterated what our expectations were, the primary of which is to increase awareness. Carol thought we should have some preemptive articles in newspapers before publishing a more detailed one. Kerri said she would follow up with writers from Derry News and Londonderry Times to initiate this process.

Chris Decelles had done some research and showed the Rhode Island Task Force Notes he had. We discussed a preliminary agenda for our next meeting where we would discuss further public awareness, signage, Adopt-A-Highway, funding, corporate sponsorship, Media.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

*Links to documentation:

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xii/163-b/163-b-mrg.htm>

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xxi/265/265-mrg.htm>

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A1qut9/LondonderryTimes1271/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yudu.com%2Fitem%2Fdetails%2F281539%2FLondonderry-Times-1-27-11>

<http://www.unionleader.com/archive.aspx?storyDate=2009-09-04>