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Minutes for June 20, 2007

(All minutes are considered to be in DRAFT form until formally approved
by the Anti-Litter Committee at the next meeting).

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. Present: Gil Pastore, Jim Taradine, Ingrid Waters, Bill Abraham, Lorraine Blohm, Nahida Abraham, and Teresa Gallagher. Absent: Marie Schmedlin. Resigned members: Ed Mackniak and John Tieman.

Acting officers for this meeting: Gil Pastore, Chairman; Teresa Gallagher, Secretary. (Note: This was the first meeting of the Anti-Litter Committee, so there were no previous minutes to approve).

1. Election of officers

- a. Chairman: A motion was made to elect Gil Pastore as Chairman, all were in favor.
- b. Vice Chairman: A motion was made by Bill Abraham and seconded by Gil Pastore to elect Nahida Abraham as the Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary: We will look into hiring a clerk – no one from the Committee stepped forward to act as Secretary. A motion was made for Teresa to be the temporary secretary. All approved. Lorraine will be Teresa's backup.

2. **Approval of dates and times for regular meetings:** In general, meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Teresa Gallagher motioned to approved the following regular meeting dates, seconded by Bill Abraham: July 18th, August 29, Sept 26, October 24, November 28th, December skip. All were in favor.

3. Selection of liaisons:

- a. Police – Ron Pilkowicz volunteered
- b. BOE – Nahida Abraham volunteered
- c. Parks Department – Jim Taradine volunteered
- d. Next month we will decide what we would like to discuss with these departments.

4. **Review of graphic anti-litter signs from Mayor.** The Committee determined that the sign is generally good, but members would prefer to delete the rectangular box shown around the car, and make car and litter larger in relation to the circle. Keep wording the way it is.

5. Anti-litter campaign

- a. Name of campaign – “Don’t Dump on Shelton” and “Don’t Trash Shelton” were suggested. A motion was made by Teresa Gallagher to adopted “Don’t Trash Shelton”, seconded by Ingrid Waters. All were in favor.
- b. Slogan (slogan and campaign names can be the same). Slogan will be the same. “Don’t Trash Shelton”, which is simple and direct.
- c. Logo - Members will think about and bring up at next meeting.
- d. Publicity – Our rules will be: All press releases should be shown to the Committee members via the Google Group or at the regular meetings, and only the Chairman or Vice-Chairman should send out press releases. Gil proposed to have a picture of us

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taken with one of the anti-litter signs. Publicists: Bill Abraham and Lorraine Blohm volunteered to draft press releases.

- 6. Comments by Members.** Ingrid Waters noted that there is a "Clean up New York Day" where corporations assign employees to go out and clean up the City, and this has been done for at least 15 years. It is done on a weekend. Later, there are public announcements that "xyz company" cleanup up "abc park". Gil noted that our number one priority for the next meeting is to draft what we want to talk about with Parks, Police, BOE. Lorraine Blohm noted that McDonald's sponsors an anti-litter campaign; we can contact local businesses and ask for their help. Bill Abraham noted that we are making progress: He went to a couple of games at the High School, and BOE has hired an older gentleman to pick up the trash. This employee goes to every game and is very good at persuading people to pick up their trash. It might make a feature in the paper.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gil Patore at 9:05 pm, seconded by Bill Abraham, all were in favor.

Next meeting is July 18 at 7:00 pm, room 104.

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