

**Main Street Advisory Group  
Agenda for Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
Village Beach House- 8 AM**

Present: Jen Jubin, Heather Clark, Barbara Clark, Linda Moore, Mavis Miller, Marc Galvin, Brad Hathaway, Dean Dietrich

- 1) Review of Tuesday, Feb 23 notes – no amendments
- 2) Discussion on issue of sidewalk cleanliness

**Recycling-**

Brad reported the Village experimented with recycling around 2006-07. It was not successful because the public did not sort properly. The containers separated paper, plastic, metals. A major problem was dog waste included in the recyclables. Containers had to be separated at the N. Elba Landfill.

The Study Group opinion is that the public is better educated somewhat trained to recycling at this time. Zero sort options will also make the process easier.

- The Group recommends moving to containers that accommodate recycling. These receptacles should also be designed to make it difficult to deposit household refuse.
- -"Big Belly" services were suggested. Their policy, however, is to provide a service where they empty their own receptacles. They also require the use of special bags. The cost to use this service, which is based downstate, would be prohibitive.
- A second service option would be to move to zero sort by working with Casella. Jen and Dean will develop a cost / benefit analysis. Brad will provide information on the Village costs. (The Town charges the Village standard tipping fees). This may require an additional bin at the landfill.

**Stains-**

The group discussed the possibility of requiring shop owners to clean the sidewalk stains in front of their buildings. They could be charged a cleaning fee if they failed to do so.

Brad suggested that the problem might be resolved when new, less porous surface material replaces the current paver stone. This is part of the long-range development plan.

The general feeling of the group is that a legislative approach would create a significant burden on shop owners, be difficult to enforce, and unfairly make people responsible for the behavior of others.

**Litter / Container Overflows-**

Brad reported the containers are emptied once a day, usually around 7:30 AM. The time may be altered based on highway needs such as snow removal. He also mentioned the Village is considering hiring a "Main Street Maintenance Man". The job description would include keeping facilities along Main Street and the Village Beach House repaired and clean.

The Study Group talked about the possibility of requiring "to go" or outdoor dining establishments to provide a trash container. Dining facilities and food purveyors are effectively subsidized when they use public trash services.

The Group determined, however, there would be difficulties defining which establishments would be regulated. There was also a concern this could increase clutter, hinder pedestrian traffic, and negatively impact the aesthetics.

The Study Group recommends:

- The Village moves forward with the proposed addition of manpower for the Highway Department.
- Monitoring the situation to determine the effect of the recycling effort.
- Encouraging Main Street businesses to cooperate in keeping Main Street clean. This could be part of a letter sent to inform building owners of the findings of this group. The letter could include a sign that could be placed by merchants in their shops to remind people to keep Lake Placid Clean.

### **Cigarette Butts / Gum**

The Study group suggested these problems are concentrated at specific locations.

Brad reported that the cigarette butt containers currently used are expensive and get moved around.

The Study Group recommends:

- The adoption of butt / gum containers that could be placed on existing poles / posts. This would increase the number of such containers and avoid additional clutter.
- Considering the possibility of designated smoking areas in the new design of Main Street (similar to Burlington City Mall).

### 3) Discussion of March 8 meeting agenda –

- Review the recommendations on cleanliness /
- Start discussion on signage- Dean will provide a summary of existing legislation.
- Determine schedule for future meetings