

Powhatan Anti-Litter Council

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2020

Attendees: Barbara Adcock, Gay Bartlett, Arthur Gregory, Cathy Howland, Johnny Melis, Mimi Ziletti
Online meeting started at 1:03pm.

DEQ Grant FY2019-2020: \$6,250. Invoice for \$180 (changes to amnesty day banners) were only expenses since last meeting. Current balance: \$6,070.

Old Business

- **Amnesty Day:** Event was canceled due to COVID-19. Discussed rescheduling for the fall of 2020 or possibly waiting until March 2021.
- Regional Anti-Litter Campaign – Cathy and Brigid will continue to share posts on the ALC and Powhatan County Facebook pages.

New Business

- Discussion followed regarding what to spend remaining DEQ funds on since Amnesty Day was canceled.
 - Dog waste receptacles were proposed. Mimi Ziletti made a motion to purchase 1 or 2 receptacles to place near courthouse area. Arthur Gregory seconded motion and agreed to contact Judge Cella for permission. He will also send Cathy three options at a cost of approximately \$150 each. Cathy will contact Mark Piper to see if facilities would be able to mount the receptacles. Johnny Melis raised concern also to who would empty the waste portion of the receptacles as facilities is already understaffed. Arthur said they only have bags but nothing for the waste.
 - Gay Bartlett made a motion to transfer the remaining balance, after the purchase of the doggie bag receptacle, to be used at the Convenience Center under Melis' discretion. The motion was unanimously passed as the group voiced this would be a more prudent use of tax payers' money. Cathy will draft a letter for the transfer and submit to county.
- Gay Bartlett mentioned she wrote letters to the board of supervisors regarding the trash in the County. A discussion followed. Also, it was noted that Supervisor Byerly has begun researching a diversion program which would incorporate minors in trouble to pick up litter. Melis said the Convenience Center has been as busy as it was during the holidays. With more people home, they are cleaning up and getting rid of items. The Center is only taking household trash right now and no fee-based items. A discussion followed regarding VDOT's efforts to pickup trash. They are only doing this twice a year in an effort to pickup litter before the grass cuttings.

Next meeting in September 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.