

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 (at 6:30pm in Zoom)

Attendance at this meeting in Zoom: Janice Carroll, Dick Danner, Vicki Revier, and Diane Sunderland

The committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from October –June, **except for January, July, and August** from 6:30-7:30pm in Zoom. The September meeting is held the Tuesday after Labor Day.

NOTE: Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, vjrevier@gmail.com, or Diane Sunderland at 624-8207, if you have any questions concerning committee meetings or litter in general.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

Welcome **Janice Carroll** to our meeting tonight! Vicki announced she will be retiring after 25 years of teaching at Bristol Community College this May.

TOPICS:

1. Update on Fogland/Pond Bridge (Joyce)
Joyce e-mailed Vicki to say that trash at Fogland has not been an issue this winter. Joyce mentioned there has been excessive clearing at Pond Bridge which might indicate that the bridge updates are coming soon.
2. Thank-you letter to DPW (for their continuous help) (Diane)
Diane sent a letter to the DPW on 11/27/20 thanking Rick and his crew for their continued support (year round) when we need help removing trash in town.
3. Tom Ramotowski's e-mail (update of areas he monitors) (Vicki)
Tom, from the Conservation Committee, sent Vicki an e-mail stating that he has expanded his area of litter collection to include all of Main Road sidewalks from the Sakonnet Bridge to the North Tiverton/Fall River border and the bike path on the Sakonnet Bridge. He stated that, "Most of the litter is either tossed out of cars or generated by the recycling process-put out the night before in windy weather." The committee agreed with his analysis. (Thank you, Tom, for your updates and assistance as an Adopt-An-Area volunteer.)
4. Follow-up to litter complaint forms for littered properties (Dick)
Dick contacted Mr. Kaufman about the letter of complaint sent to the town on behalf of the litter committee. Mr. Kaufman, Zoning Enforcement Official, stated that, "One of the properties on Fish Road was partially cleaned up, however, the owner was in the hospital and that he will follow up to be sure the rest of the property was cleaned up." Additionally Mr. Kaufman reported that a resident on Bismark Road cleaned up his property and also the gas station on Crandall Road did the same."

5. Electronic ("Tiverton Pride, Town Wide") (Vicki)
Vicki will contact Lt. Raymond about where we are with displaying the sign in town.
6. Signage in Tiverton/Inviting Jay Edwards (Town Council) to next meeting (Maureen M./Dick)
Maureen M. e-mailed Vicki to say that, "The former Town Council threw up their hands collectively regarding the sign ordinance in town- something about the "first amendment?" However, the ordinance is still on the books stating that businesses cannot place signs on public property, littering the environment with clutter. Maureen suggested that we invite Jay Edwards (who is on the current Town Council) to our next Litter meeting for further discussion.
- Dick mentioned that the Tae kwon do signs have all been removed from Town under the direction of Mr. Kaufman.**
7. Portsmouth DOT (Maureen M.)
Maureen M. plans to contact the Portsmouth DOT to ask for Litter pickup by the ACI crews when this activity begins again.
8. Letters to Tom's Market/Visit to Dollar General (Dick/Vicki)
Dick will keep an eye on Tom's Market and Vicki will send a letter to the manager of Dollar General on Stafford Road due to the endless amount of litter on that property since the store was built.
9. Updates on Michelle Umehara, Litter Website Developer (Vicki)
Michelle U. will continue to update the Litter Website while a college student. (Thank you, Michelle!)
10. Essay project in the middle and high schools (Dick)
Dick will contact the middle school and high school in mid-February about students writing an essay about "How to stop Litter in Tiverton." One winner from the middle school and high school will receive a gift card.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area List updates (Committee)
Diane gave Vicki some updates for the Adopt list. She will send the latest Adopt-An-Area List to the committee.
2. Park & Ride (Maureen M.)
Maureen sent Vicki and e-mail regarding a person littering at the Park & Ride on 1/14. A witness called the Police and the Police were able to find the person that littered. The person that littered was asked to remove the litter from the Park & Ride. Our committee wanted to know why the person that litter was not fined??

Vicki will ask Lt. Raymond about the outcome when she contacts him about the Electronic sign.

3. Mega Seasons Gas Station/Retail Store (Main Road/Souza Road) (Maureen M.)
Maureen sent an e-mail to Vicki about the proposal submitted by Colbea Enterprises (from Cranston) to build a mega Gas station and retail store at the corner of Main Road and Souza Road. The proposal will be discussed tonight, 2/2, at the Tiverton Planning Board meeting. The committee will discuss this further once information from the meeting has been shared with the public. Maureen sent an e-mail to the Planning Board (prior to this meeting) as there are many negative impacts from this proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Facebook/Social Media (updates) (Natalie)
Nothing to report at this time.
2. Committee member needed to review Litter Website (Committee)
Diane volunteered to review the Litter Website for updates as requested by Michelle.

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021— 6:30pm in Zoom.