

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 (through e-mail correspondence*)

Attendance at this meeting via e-mail:

All litter meetings will take place from 6:15-7:30pm in the Trustee's Room at the **Tiverton Library** the first Tuesday of each month September –June, **except for January, July, and August** unless the committee decides to move a meeting due to the annual dine out, availability of room, or a conflict in the litter committee member's schedule. (This meeting will be held via e-mail correspondence **as we are the midst of the Corona virus.***)

NOTE: Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, at 401-624-2810, vjrevier@gmail.com, if you are interested in attending our meeting(s) or if you attend regularly and are unable to attend a meeting so we can begin the meeting on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

Dick filled 2 bags of trash between Dunkin' Donuts and the Tiverton library—which was just a ¼ of a mile of Rte 177. (**Thank you Dick for doing this!**)

NOTE: There is a gully (in various areas) along Rte. 177 as you are coming from Main Road to Stafford Road along Rte. 177 that collects a ton of trash unseen when driving in a vehicle. (Recently, the town has removed a lot of brush along Rte. 177, so the trash is more evident now.)

TOPICS:

1. Signage in Tiverton (article, warnings, fines, etc.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

(Dick)

2. Spring clean-up week (dates, etc.)
This event is on “hold” due to the Corona virus and the governor’s request for RI residents to “shelter in place.” Even though she expects residents to take walks or bicycle ride, it is imperative to practice “social distancing” in groups of 5 or less.

(Diane)

Diane ordered 30 T-shirts for the “kick off” that the Garden Club will be purchasing. The first 20 people to arrive at the “kick off” will receive a shirt. (Many thanks to the Garden Club members for their contribution.)

(Diane)

Bonnie is compiling a letter to send to the Adopt List about Spring Clean-up Week and the “kick off.” She is also working on updating the flyer for the event so it can be distributed throughout town. (Both of these activities will need to be re-thought due to the Corona virus.)

(Bonnie)

Maureen wrote a “Letter to the Editor” to be published in the Sakonnet Times encouraging Tiverton residents to pick up litter as we are noticing an increase in litter (gloves and masks) due to the Corona virus. (Thank you, Maureen, for composing this letter.)

(Maureen)

According to Dr. Alexander Scott, who works alongside the Governor, there has been a problem with masks and gloves becoming litter throughout the state. Dr. Scott asked that masks and gloves are to be disposed of properly in the trash.

3. Police participation at spring clean-up week “kick off.” (Lt. Raymond)
Lt. Raymond would like Diane to contact him after the details are set for the “kick off” so he can discuss our needs with the chief. (This event is on “hold” for now due to the Corona virus.)
4. Pardon Gray Day—scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2020 (Joyce)
Joyce has received an application for the 2020 Pardon Gray Day event and will send in the application to reserve a table for the Litter Committee. (The committee needs to come up with ideas for the event table and to put together a schedule to cover various shifts throughout the day like we did last year.) (Thank you, Joyce, for processing the application.)
5. An Interview with Joyce Andrews (Vicki)
Marcia Pobeznic, of the Newport Daily News, has volunteered to interview Joyce about her dedication to removing trash at Fogland (year round) and her vast knowledge of the Town of Tiverton. (This interview will take place in the spring outdoors when the weather is warmer.
6. Property at 178 Fish Road and other eyesore properties in town (Maureen)
Maureen will fill out complaint forms (on behalf of the litter committee) for three properties in town that are in violation of having properties littered in trash, furniture, tools, etc. She will cite parts of the Town code in each complaint form that the residents are in violation of and send these complaint letters to the town.
7. Letter created for businesses with littered parking lots (Dick)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
8. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)
Natalie contacted Lt. Raymond shortly after our last meeting. Lt. Raymond reported that the camera at Grinnell’s had the wrong operating system and that it is up and running now. (Nothing to report about additional cameras around town as of this writing.)
9. Tiverton Casino (Lt. Raymond)
The casino appears to have been litter free and is closed indefinitely due to the Corona virus.
10. Tiverton businesses Adopting-An-Area in Tiverton (Natalie/Dick)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

11. Essay Contest in Tiverton Schools (to be introduced in February '20) (Dick)
This activity will need to be tabled until next spring due to the Corona virus and the closing of schools in Tiverton through April and beyond.

12. Follow up to litter on Fish Road/Rte. 177 intersection (Dick)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

13. Grant Application opportunity (Susan)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

14. DPW schedule during pandemic (Vicki)
The DPW will accept calls should you be out of bags for litter pickup as the library is closed until further notice. Call the DPW when you plan to drop the full bags off or if you need the DPW to pick them up for you should they be too heavy. (These are new rules for the Pandemic.) Do not show up to the DPW without calling first!

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory updated list and bag inventory (Vicki)
The inventory of bags are good according to Catherine at the library.

2. Adopt-An-Area List updates (Vicki)
Any new adoptees?

3. March Minutes on the Litter Committee Website? (Michelle)
Michelle posted the March minutes to the Litter Website.
(Thank you Michelle.)

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, **May 5th, 2020.** (We will use the same format as this meeting as the Governor expects the surge of positive virus cases to continue between mid-April and mid-May.)