

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

6:15pm – Tiverton Library—Trustee's Room

Attendance at this meeting (10/06/2015):

Natalie Cote, Bonnie Kane, Vicki Revier, and Diane Sunderland

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place at the **Tiverton Library** the first Tuesday of each month September –June, except for January, July, and August, unless the committee decides to move it due to availability. IF you attend regularly and are **unable to attend** this meeting, please call Vicki Revier (Chairperson) at 624-2810 and leave a message as early as possible so that we can promptly start the meeting at **6:30pm**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

TOPIC: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Inviting Capt. Jones to litter meetings (update) (Natalie/Pat)
Capt. Jones attended our meeting tonight and discussed the recent article (10/4/15) in the Providence Journal about Providence catching “dumpers” with the use of surveillance cameras. He has offered to contact the surveillance camera company (in the article) to get details about the camera to share with the committee as the committee discussed this topic last spring at a litter meeting with Capt. Jones as the committee would like cameras to catch Tiverton “dumpster” too.
Capt. Jones asked the committee to review the litter ordinance and to update it going forward to be sure the fees for littering are in a range based on severity.
Capt. Jones will add the Tiverton Litter Website to the Police Website (and vice versa) to get better visibility in the community and beyond.
Capt. Jones asked if the litter committee had a formal logo (which we don't) and that we should create one and then create patches (that iron-on clothing) for more visibility in the community. (Natalie volunteered to contact the art teacher at the high school, Mrs. Byrnes, to see if any art students were interested in obtaining community service hours by creating a litter logo.)
Capt. Jones explained to the committee that roads that have route number i.e., 177, 138, etc., are state roads. The committee was confused as to who we should contact outside of the committee and Adopt list for assistance in helping to keep the busier-traveled roads litter free.
2. Letstalktrash.moonfruit.com – any updates (Maya)
(September 01, 2015 Minutes on Website)
None as of this writing.
3. Portsmouth State Garage: (on fall schedule?) (Maureen M.)
On 9/11/15, Bonnie sent the committee an e-mail saying that she saw DPW with the ACI picking up litter on Crandall Road. (A big thank-you to the DPW and ACI for assisting us with this huge project on and on-going basis.)
4. Eagleville Rd. (Town Rd.) Community Service option (Natalie/Bonnie)
An Adopt-An-Area member contacted Bonnie asking if her son could clean up Eagleville Road as part of his community service project. Bonnie replied to say we would be happy to have him assist and that he can pick up bags at the library. She also reinforced the safety of her son by suggesting he is accompanied by someone driving behind her son as he picks up the litter.
5. Next Litter interview – (BayCoast Bank?) (Diane)
Diane brought up a good point about BayCoast Bank. They are a business that

has landscaping done regularly and that the employees of the bank aren't involved on a daily basis to assist in keeping the grounds litter free. The committee is now looking into another site. Diane suggested giving a Citation to a deserving business that is keeping their business grounds clean and inviting the Sakonnet Times Newspaper to cover the story in lieu of an interview as the committee says that interviewing is very time consuming. IF we give Citations, we can give them out more often which will give the business publicity as well as exposure of the litter committee to the community.

6. Patriot Disposal (contract ends 06/30/2017) (Vicki)
The litter committee needs to have a presence at the Tiverton Town Council Meeting when the discussion of renewing or choosing another disposal company comes up. The council needs to know that the litter committee sees (on a daily basis) litter dropping out of recycling containers as the Patriot workers are emptying the bins in one fast motion. The committee members have contacted Patriot Disposal quite a few times about this as it creates more litter in town, but nothing has changed.
7. Postings on Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites -- (Maureen M.)
Capt. Jones will forward information to Natalie (once this is done). Natalie will then forward information to the litter committee members via e-mail.
8. Crandall Rd. litter (DPW w/ACI) (Bonnie)
See agenda item #3.
9. Fall Newsletter? (Pat)
The litter committee discussed the value of the newsletter and the entire committee agreed that it is necessary to keep the Adopt members informed of the projects that the litter committee is doing on a daily basis. The committee agrees that those requesting newsletter via e-mail should continue to receive them this way and those that request them U.S. mail should continue to receive them this way as well—based on the survey we did with the Adopt members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area location list/labels edits? (Vicki)
No changes as of this meeting. (Vicki will send the committee members the most recent copy of the Adopt tonight.)
2. Any new Garden Club members for the Adopt List? (Diane)
None as of this meeting.
3. Flyers advertising Litter Committee at new library? (Vicki)
This topic will be discussed at the November meeting.
4. **NEW:** Diane announced that the island of grass off of Exit 5 (on Rte. 24)—across from the Brookdale Sakonnet Bay has been labeled as a formal Adopt-A-Spot and will be monitored by the Tiverton Garden Club and Tiverton Lion's Club.
5. **NEW:** Vicki will contact Pat about writing a letter to the landlord on the property of Subway in Tiverton—including parts of the litter ordinance. This business parking lot and grounds is unsightly and a letter is in order. (I asked Capt. Jones if I could copy him on the letter and he was in agreement.)

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

See #3 under OTHER BUSINESS.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at **6:150pm.**

Location: Trustee's Room.

