

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

(We met instead on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Tiverton Clean-up Week “kick off”)

Attendance at this meeting:

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place at the Trustee Room in the Tiverton Library the first Tuesday of each month September –June, except for January, July, and August, unless the committee decides to move the meeting due to availability or a conflict in the litter committee member’s schedule.

NOTE: I do not have access to the Internet/Cell on Tuesday’s (at all)—so please leave me a message if you regularly attend and unable to make our litter meetings. 401-624-2810.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Update on camera, litter cleanup at Ranger school (Capt. Jones)
Nothing to report at this time.
2. Litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Committee)
Nothing to report at this time.
3. Litter ordinance updates -Judge Donnelly (away until May 2017) (Natalie)
Nothing to report at this time.
4. Review of “Kick-Off” day for Tiverton Clean-up Week (4/29) (Diane)
Diane set up the table at Grinnell’s Beach at 9am and supplied donated Dunkin Donut treats for the volunteers. Vicki supplied chairs and water for the volunteers. Bags were handed out to volunteers. The rest of the Litter Committee went out and picked up litter. A group photo was taken of volunteers, the Litter Committee and Garden Club members. The photo will be sent to Marcia at Newport Daily News along with a blurb for follow-up by the Garden Club. (There were about 25 volunteers on “kick-off” day.

Reverend Sterritt from Amicable Church took his youth group to Fogland Beach filling two large bags with litter and other item they dropped off at DPW.
5. Signage and Sakonnet Times info. for Clean-up Week (Diane/Peter)
(4/29-5/6/17)
The Litter Committee hung banners on “kick-off” day along Main Road to remind residents in town about the event. The Sakonnet Times published two articles “Earth Day events and cleanups” and “Help clean up towns for Earth Day” on 4/20 and 4/27 respectfully to get the word out about this event.

6. East side of Main Road/corner of Souza Road litter (Pat S.)
The property at this location has been sold to two individuals. Bonnie called the number on the “For Sale” sign located on the property and left a message. Volunteers worked along Souza Road on “kick off” day and picked up 20 bags of trash!
7. Sign ordinance to be addressed (illegal signs in Tiverton) (Maureen M./Peter M.)
Nothing to report at this time.
8. Tiverton Boy Scout Troop #4218/Pack 8 adopted Park and Ride (Vicki)
(Grinnell’s Beach/Town Farm Clean up/Park and Ride cleaned)
Troop 28 has adopted the Park and Ride. The leader of this project is Jeremy Mello. The troop cleaned the Park and Ride on April 11th and will continue to work on this over the next few weeks. The Cub Scouts cleaned up Grinnell’s Beach on 4/25. Town Farm was added to the “kick-off” volunteer list on 4/29.
9. Ask Twin River Casino to Adopt Stafford to Bliss Four Corners (Maureen M.)
At the “kick off”, Marcia Pobzeznic mentioned to Vicki that there was a casino meeting taking place on 5/1 where resident input would be welcomed as the casino committee want to hear from the residents what they (the casino) can do for the community. Maureen attended this meeting and there was no public input period. The impact of the Tiverton police and fire departments were discussed. Maureen plans to send an e-mail to the casino committee chair for distribution to all members working on their assigned areas as Maureen would like Twin River to “adopt” all of Stafford Road to Bliss Four Corners.
10. Litter Committee--a stand-alone committee (town council mtg. in April) (Natalie)
Natalie mailed Trish Hilton and found out that our request for becoming a stand-alone committee was approved on 12/14/15 by the Town Council. Trish forwarded the 12/14/15 Minutes of Town Council Meeting to Natalie and Natalie forwarded them to the Litter Committee. Natalie e-mailed Ms. Mello on 4/24 for assistance in getting the process completed as there are other steps involved in the process.
11. Letters to area businesses to monitor their properties (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report at this time.
12. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
Bonnie saw a road crew picking up litter all the way down Crandall Road on 4/12. She rolled down her window and thanked them. They replied, “No problem ma’am, God Bless.”
13. March Minutes posted on: letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home (Maureen U.)
Minutes on <http://letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home/meeting-minutes>

Link for clean-up week on home page:
<http://letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home>

Link for events page:

<http://letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home/events>

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Garden Club members/others joining the Adopt List? (Diane/Vicki)
Two volunteers at the “kick-off” joined the Adopt List.
2. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory at library (Vicki)
Vicki will check on the inventory at the library before the June 6th meeting.

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

The Litter Committee’s annual luncheon will take place at the Sakonnet River Grille on 5/27/17 at noon.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at **6:15pm** in the Trustee’s Room at the Tiverton Library.