

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

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

Attendance at this meeting: Natalie Cote, Bonnie Kane, Vicki Revier, and Diane Sunderland

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 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:

The committee will meet on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 11:30am at Four Corner's Grille for their annual dine out. **(Don't forget to wear your hat!)**

A **special thanks to Maya** who heads to college in August. On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank you for all your hard work in creating the Litter Website and maintaining it.

TOPIC: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Tiverton Clean-Up Week (overview) (Diane)
Clean-up week was a success. Main Road to Souza Road to Fish Road were cleaned thoroughly, among other areas. The boy scouts cleaned up a few of the Tiverton beaches.
2. Litter Committee sponsoring 2017 Clean-up Week (Diane/Bonnie)
"kick-off" 2017?
Barbara Haddad thought it would be wonderful if the Litter Committee did the "kick off" again. (This will be discussed at the next Garden Club meeting.)
3. Letters sent to Volvo Group (Vicki/Pat)
Pat will follow up with Volvo Group managers, when able.
4. "Subway" parking lot owner (visit and/or letter) (Pat)
Pat will follow up with this, when able.
5. Grass area across from Brookdale Sakonnet Bay (Maureen M./Diane)
The Garden Club has adopted this area. A landscape plan must be approved by the state (DOT) and a "Welcome to Tiverton" sign will also be put in that area. Funds for liability insurance (to work in that area) are being worked out. This project will be done by September, 2016.
6. Update on camera (Natalie)
To be discussed at our next meeting in September.
7. Litter Committee becoming a stand-alone committee? (Pat)
Nancy Mello was suppose to be checking into this with the town's lawyer--a while ago.
8. Garden Club gets credit for Litter Committee activities (Vicki)
(Articles in Sakonnet Times-sent to committee on 5/3)
The committee discussed how the credit should have been given to the Litter Committee instead of the Garden Club as the subject is specific to litter.

9. Bob Stringer thanks volunteer (6/2-Sakonnet Times) (Vicki)
Vicki read the short blurb to the committee and glad that a resident in town noticed that litter was being picked up by volunteers outside of the Adopt list.
10. Letters to area businesses to monitor their properties (Maureen M.)
Maureen will draft a letter to be sent out to local businesses asking business owners to monitor their properties on a daily basis—as per the town ordinance.
11. Discuss in detail Litter ordinance updates (Committee)
Vicki will send the committee a copy of the Litter ordinance and ask the committee to review it carefully over the summer. The changes will be discussed at our September meeting.
12. Update on Litter Committee logo/letterhead design (Committee)
The committee cannot move ahead with a new letterhead design until the Litter Committee becomes a stand-alone committee.
13. Letstalktrash.moonfruit.com – any updates? (Maya)
Diane shared photos from Tiverton Clean-up Week which we will have posted to the Litter Committee Website.
14. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
The committee mentioned that they have seen some inmates cleaning up Stafford Road. Vicki also saw three DPW trucks, along Stafford Road. The workers were digging up weeds and sweeping up sand.
15. Citation for Tiverton Materials (Vicki)
Tiverton Materials (810 Fish Road) will be given the next Citation for their litter-free grounds. As you enter the Tiverton Materials property, there is a sign that says “Tiverton Materials” Keep it clean, do not litter. The grounds are immaculate as Vicki took a tour. Tiverton Materials has also adopted a triangular area on Fish Road which they have landscaped and continue to maintain.
16. Litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Committee)
To be discussed at our September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Garden Club member to join Adopt List? (Diane)
None to report as of this meeting.
2. Trustee Room will be reserved for Sept., (Vicki)
Oct., and Nov. in Aug.

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at **6:15pm.**
(Location: Trustee’s Room) **(Have a fun, safe summer!)**