

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 6:15pm (Trustee's Room)

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

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place 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 the meeting due to the annual dine out, availability of room, or a conflict in the litter committee members' schedule.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

GUEST(S): Welcome Richard and Paulette! Richard Baptiste from RI Junk Removal and Paulette Ferland (from the community) attended our meeting. The committee wanted to personally thank Richard (and his crew) for all of his work in cleaning up around the Bait Shop as well as the Sakonnet Bay Bridge bike path. Paulette found out about us on the Tiverton Town Website and decided to attend our meeting as she regularly picks up litter in her neighborhood.

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Details of Tiverton Clean-up Week-coming up (4/27-5/4) (Diane)
The committee discussed the details of the event. (See #2)
2. Discuss details of Litter Committee Kick-off Day duties (4/27) (Diane/Committee)
Bonnie will pick up the refreshments and research the possibility of purchasing T shirts for the first 30 volunteers (with Richard).
Diane will coordinate (with Richard) areas to hang up the banners in town.
Natalie will do all advertising of the event via newspapers and social media.
Dick will provide two different types of gloves.
Richard volunteered to use one of his dumpsters at Grinell's on 4/27 only. (He will get permission from DPW to do this.)
Vicki will look into getting a permit for stake signs to be used around town a few days prior to kick-off day.
Diane, Natalie, and Vicki will oversee the registration table on kick-off day (9am-1pm) supplying volunteers with gloves, bags, refreshments, and a sign-up sheet to track areas cleaned in town.
3. Posters for Tiverton Clean-up Week (distributed by committee members) (Bonnie)
Bonnie distributed the 8.5 x 11 colored flyer to be distributed and hung by area businesses.
4. RI Junk-R. Baptist (Brandon Raposa)-Clean-up week volunteers? (Vicki/Bonnie)
Richard plans to bring 10 volunteers to the event in addition to his donations and assistance in getting T shirts and signage.

5. Tiverton Happenings/Sakonnet Times/Herald News (Clean-up week info.) (Natalie)
Natalie will advertise Tiverton Clean-up Week in local papers as well as through social media.
6. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)
Nothing to report at this meeting as Lt. Raymond was not present.
7. Litter at Tiverton Casino (Vicki)
Both Vicki and Dick drove through the casino at different times over the past two weeks and the grounds have a lot of bottles (beer, water, soda, nip, etc.) in the grass areas. These grounds must be monitored on a daily basis to attract new business and to keep our town as litter free as possible. Vicki will follow up again with Kim Ward at the casino.
8. Essay Contest in Tiverton Schools (“How to Keep Tiverton Litter Free”) (Dick)
Dick plans to contact the middle and high school science teachers with an activity that entails students writing about what litter means to them and how to keep our town clean. He also plans to provide a prize to the winner.
9. Reaching out to the Tiverton Recreation Committee (beach monitoring) (Committee)
This topic will be discussed at our next meeting.
10. Portsmouth State Garage (town/Park and Ride) (Maureen M./Committee)
Maureen M. will be contacting the Portsmouth Garage weekly to be sure the State roads in Tiverton are on their radar and cleaned more regularly.
11. Litter logo watermark for Litter Committee correspondences (Natalie)
Natalie and Dick continue to work on this activity.
12. Fogland photos in a smaller poster (Joyce)
The committee reviewed Joyce’s smaller poster with favorable results. The committee will discuss this in detail at our next meeting as Joyce was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.
13. Tiverton Schools (Community Service) (Jennifer/Natalie)
This topic will be discussed at our next meeting.
14. Contacting Tiverton businesses about Adopting-An-Area in Tiverton (Natalie/Dick)
This topic will be discussed at our next meeting.
15. How to spread the word (at the library) about our litter meetings (Committee)
This topic will be discussed at our next meeting.
16. Have you seen the Litter Patrol van in Tiverton picking up trash? (Vicki)
None of the committee members have seen the patrol van since our last meeting. Richard said he would look into it as he might be able to assist in finding out who they are.
17. Updating the Litter Committee Website 2019 activities (Joyce/Committee)
Joyce noticed the Tiverton Clean-up week flyer from 2018 was still on the Litter Website, so she contacted Vicki. Vicki e-mailed Michelle Umehara (who maintains the Litter Website) and asked her to post the 2019 flyer now that it has been completed.
18. Recycling barrels on wheels (Vicki)
Vicki continues to work on ideas to make these barrels mandatory round town as they are covered and prevent litter from being blown around town on windy days.

19. Litter blurb for DPW 2020 trash pick-up schedule

(Vicki/Committee)

“Tiverton Pride, Town Wide.” The Litter Committee continues to come up with ideas to keep our town litter free, but we need your help. Check out our Litter Website at Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home (or Contact Diane Sunderland at 401-624-8207) should you already be monitoring an area in town or want to know how to adopt an area in town.

The committee voted to use the above blurb in the 2020 DPW trash pick-up schedule. Vicki will forward the blurb to the DPW this week for input.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory/list of volunteers at library updates
Vicki will take the majority of the bags from the library inventory to the Tiverton Clean-up Week kick-off so we have enough bags for the event.

(Vicki)

2. DPW’s role in Tiverton Clean-up week
Diane reviewed with the DPW the 2018 list of places to drop off full bags of trash during Tiverton Clean-up week. She awaits the final list approval. This list will be distributed at the kick-off (on 4/27) when volunteers are picking up their bags and gloves.)

(Diane)

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, **May 7, 2019**, at **6:15pm** in the Trustee’s Room at the Tiverton Library.

NOTE:

Our **annual Dine-out** is usually in June or September, pending busy schedules! (We will discuss this at the May meeting.)