

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (at 6:30pm in Zoom)

Attendance at this meeting in Zoom: Joyce Andrews, Dick Danner, Jay Edwards, Maureen Morrow, Diane Sunderland, and Vicki Revier

The committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from October –June, **except for January, July, and August** from 6:30-7:30pm in Zoom. The September meeting is held the Tuesday after Labor Day.

NOTE: Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, vjrevier@gmail.com, or Diane Sunderland at 624-8207, if you have any questions concerning committee meetings or litter in general.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

Jay Edwards joined our meeting. Thank you, Jay, for joining us!

TOPICS:

1. Update on Fogland/Pond Bridge (Joyce)
Joyce did not have anything to report about litter, but did share that the Pond Bridge project will not be completed until next year. (Vehicle weight is the contributing factor for the bridge project and that the bridge was built in 1935.)
2. Follow-up to litter complaint forms for littered properties (Dick)
Dick reported that the grace period for the resident on Fish Road to clean up his property has ended. Mr. Kaufman will follow up with the resident shortly and update Dick. (Complaint Forms are obtained from the from the Tiverton Building Department.)
3. Electronic (“Tiverton Pride, Town Wide”) (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.
4. Camera’s for the town (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.
5. Signage in Tiverton (Maureen M./Dick)
A lengthy discussion took place about the signage in Tiverton and the importance of having the ordinance (that is in already is place) updated and enforced. Businesses “outside” of Tiverton are advertising in Tiverton in addition to Tiverton businesses—which is unsightly and over time signs become litter.
6. Portsmouth DOT (Maureen M.)
Maureen reported that, at this time, the ACI suspended clean-up crews due to Covid.

7. Letters to Tom's Market/Visit to Dollar General (Dick/Vicki)
Vicki sent a letter to the manager of Dollar General (Ashley Arruda) on February 4, 2021, but did not get a response. (Vicki will follow up with a call.) Nothing to report at this time in regard to Tom's Market.
8. Updates to Litter Committee Website (Diane)
As requested, Diane reviewed the Litter Website and plans to contact Michelle, our Web designer, about updating the Website. Joyce volunteered to assist Diane as well.
9. Essay project in the middle and high schools (Dick)
Due to Covid, this project will be postponed until Fall '22 in time for spring cleanup. (The contacts at the middle and high school are eager to work with Dick on this project.)
10. Follow-up to Park & Ride incident (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.
11. Updates to Mega Seasons Gas Station/Retail Store (Maureen M.)
Maureen mentioned that the plans for this new construction were presented to the Tiverton Planning Board and that comments from the citizens of the town against were received. No decisions have been made at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area List updates (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tiverton Landfill/Transfer Station/Recycling Center (Committee)
Members of the committee asked when the Landfill/Transfer Station will close and if the new recycling center will be developed. The Transfer Station will close within 2 years or when the town reaches 30 tons of trash - whichever takes place first. The new recycling center will happen, but the center will be scaled down from the original presentation-due to costs.
2. Facebook/Social Media (updates) (Natalie)
Nothing to report at this time.

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021— 6:30pm in Zoom.