

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

(The Litter Committee met on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at The Cove Restaurant)

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

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place at the Trustee's 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 members' schedule.

NOTE: Please leave me a message if you regularly attend and unable to make our litter meetings by 5pm. 401-624-2810.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING: The litter committee enjoyed their annual luncheon today, 9/30/17, at The Cove Restaurant in Fall River, MA, despite the rainy weather. A good time was had by all!

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Update on camera, litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Natalie/Capt. Jones)
Natalie will arrange to meet with Capt. Jones to discuss the above items face to face.

2. Twin River Casino letter e-mails sent (Maureen M.)
Maureen M. attended the first two meetings of the casino subcommittee asking that the town include “non-smoking” and to become an “official “Adopt-An Area” participant” in the host community agreement. Even though those meetings were not a public hearing, members of the audience could not speak. Maureen M. sent an e-mail to the committee members ahead of time with her concerns.

The Newport Daily News reported on a later meeting (that Maureen M. did not attend) about smoking in the casino. The Town Solicitor weighed in and said that casinos have an exemption from RI law making it illegal to smoke in the workplace. Maureen M. countered via e-mail saying an exemption is not same as the State saying, “You must have smoking in casinos.” Maureen M. has not heard back anything to date from her e-mail correspondence. Maureen M. feels strongly that the Town could have insisted on this.

On a side note, 85% Americans do not smoke, so why open a casino that caters to 15%? The casino will constantly smell of smoke and data supports that casinos that do not allow smoking bring in more revenue.

3. Eagleville Trash barrels/bin (Eagleville Litter Patrol) (Natalie/Capt. Jones)
Natalie will ask Capt. Jones about this when they meet face to face.
4. Park and Ride (Vicki)
Vicki sent an e-mail on 9/29/17 to Boy Scout troop #4218 (that is monitoring the Park and Ride in Tiverton) asking them to let the Litter Committee know if they are planning to do a clean-up of the Park and Ride this fall.

5. Litter Committee on-line membership forms completed?? (Committee)
A few of the Litter Committee members have already sent in their completed membership form to “officially” be appointed to the Litter Committee now that we are a stand-alone committee. (The other members will do this shortly.)
6. Sign ordinance meeting with Town Administrator (Maureen M./Vicki)
Maureen M. and Vicki met with Peter McGreevy, Town Administrator, about the options available for the town to monitor and remove any illegal signage on telephone polls as well those signs that do not belong on town property.
7. DPW playing a role in removing illegal signs in town (Maureen M./Vicki)
The DPW removed the illegal signs on the library sign poll at the corner of Fish Road and Rte. 177 shortly after our meeting with Mr. McGeevy. I am told that other signs are also coming down since our meeting.

Maureen M. suggested that the DPW designate ½ day quarterly to remove illegal signs in town. Vicki suggested they remove them on a daily basis wherever they are working on projects in town.

Maureen plans to send Mr. McGeevy a list of options for him to review (with Neil Hall) about how these signs can be removed on a continuous basis. (The consensus of the litter committee is that people will not put signs around town if they notice the existing signs are coming down.)
8. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
9. September Minutes posted on litter Website on 9/24/17 (Michelle U.)
Thank you, Michelle, for doing this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory at library (Vicki)
There is an abundance of bags at the library for the Adopt-An-Area volunteers.
2. New Adopt members? (Committee)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

NEXT LITTER MEETING:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at **6:15pm** in the Tiverton Library Trustee Room.