

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tiverton Library
34 Roosevelt Avenue
Tiverton, RI 02878

Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home

Saturday, April 28, 2018 (Informal meeting at Clean-up Week “kick off”)

Attendance at this meeting: 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 contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, at 401-624-2810 if you are interested in attending our meetings or if you attend regularly and are unable to attend a meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Single-Use Bag Ban ordinance (Sustainability Committee) (Vicki)
Shelly Costa joined our “kick-off” to collect names in support of the 1x bag ban ordinance project.
2. Update on camera, litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Natalie)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
3. Twin River Casino (updates) (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
4. Sign ordinance/Signage in town/Verizon books (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
5. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
The committee has not seen any workers in Tiverton picking up trash even though Maureen has reached out to them. We anticipate seeing crews now that the weather has improved.
6. Adopt-An-Area list updated on 4/28 (at “kick-off”) (Vicki)
Vicki updated the Adopt list for those that attended the “kick off” to pick up bags for the event.
7. New Adopt volunteers (at “kick-off”) (Vicki)
Vicki added two new volunteers to the Adopt List at the Tiverton Clean-up Week “kick-off”. (Another volunteer plans to join us at our next litter meeting.)

8. Tiverton Clean-up week (Sat. 4/28-5/5/2018) (Diane)
A special “thank-you” to all that assisted in advertising Tiverton Clean-up week. The Garden Club, Litter Committee, and Sustainability joined forces to make this event a success at Grinnelle’s Beach on 4/28. Ten (10) volunteers came to the “kick-off” to pick up bags and to share with us the area(s) they planned to clean. Coffee and donuts were provided by Dunkin Donuts. Lt. Raymond was kind enough to contact Diane offering police support for the event, but it was not necessary.
9. Seasonal Newsletter from the Litter Committee (Bonnie)
Nothing to report as of this time.
10. Letter to homeowner associations about litter responsibility (Bonnie)
It was suggested by Linda Jenkins, from the Garden Club, that we contact the homeowner associations to be sure their property rules include litter removal to avoid having volunteers that do not live in these areas picking up trash.
11. May Minutes on litter Website (Michelle U.)
The May Minutes will be posted shortly by Michelle U.
12. R.I. DOT Website: (Maureen M.)
http://www.dot.ri.gov/community/adopta/adopt_a_highway.php
This is how the program works. Companies in town would pay an Adopt volunteer to clean up areas near the highways in Tiverton (entrance, exit ramps) and, as a result, companies would leave a sign there stating they have adopted that area—giving them free advertising.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory/list of volunteers at library (Vicki)
The inventory of bags at the library are currently stocked. Those in the community picking up bags must be informed that once the bags are full they must be dropped off at DPW or if they are too heavy, the volunteer must call DPW and ask for them to be picked up. (Since the bags are donated by the DPW are a different color. Neighbors get upset when they see a different colored bag on the curb on a trash pick-up day.) The library staff volunteers will inform those that pick up bags about the process of properly disposing full bags of trash.
2. New Adopt members? (Committee)
None outside of those that signed up at the “kick-off”.

NEXT LITTER MEETING: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at **6:15pm** in the Tiverton Library Trustee Room.