

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Tiverton Library
34 Roosevelt Avenue
Tiverton, RI 02878**

Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Attendance at this meeting: Joyce Andrews, Bonnie Kane, Natalie Cote, Vicki Revier, and Diane Sunderland. (Chief Jones and Lt. Dan Raymond were in attendance for the first 45 minutes of the meeting.)

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: (Pat Sullivan sent Vicki a postcard thanking the committee for sending her a “thinking-of-you” card.) She was excited that Capt. Jones is now Chief Jones!

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Single-Use Bag Ban ordinance (3/24 meeting updates/handouts) (Vicki/Diane/Bonnie)
Vicki, Diane, and Bonnie discussed the Sustainability meeting that took place on 3/24. Bill Gerlach, Sustainability Chair, will have table at the Tiverton Clean-up week “kick off” on 4/28 to assist with efforts to get the town litter free. We discussed getting signatures to assist in passing the ordinance and also names of residents that may be interested in joining the Adopt-An-Area List.
2. Update on camera, litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Natalie)
Chief Jones and Lt. Dan Raymond attended our meeting to give us an update about the possibility of purchasing cameras and placing them around town to catch those that are littering or for police matters. (A camera is suppose to be purchased through a grant (by a town council member) for the Grinnelle's Beach construction project.)
3. Twin River Casino (updates) (Maureen M.)
According to Chief Jones, the Casino owners own and manage other casinos in other states and have very strict laws about the property of the casino (litter) and the safety of the grounds. The owners want residents in the community to come to the casino restaurant for dinner without having to go to the casino or to ever feel unsafe.
4. Sign ordinance/Signage in town/Verizon books (Maureen M.)
Nothing new to report as of this time.

5. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
Maureen has been calling to remind and ask about ACI crews coming to Tiverton. She keeps getting assurances, but rely on our committee to let her know if the crews are in Tiverton removing trash.
6. Adopt-An-Area list updated on 3/25 and distribution (Vicki)
Vicki has updated the last page of the Adopt-An-Area List to include Capt. Jones' new position as well as to include Lt. Dan Raymond who is the new liaison to the litter Committee.) Joyce Andrews and Shelly Costa have both recently joined to Adopt List.
7. Adopt volunteer - Shelli Costa - litter removal at Pond Bridge Road (Vicki)
Shelli picked up bags from the library and cleaned up Pond Bridge Road. The bags were so heavy, Shelli called DPW to have them picked up.
8. Cristy DeFusco's inquiry about a neighborhood cleanup/Earth Day (Vicki)
Vicki shared Cristy's e-mail about the litter that Cristy has seen at the 1+ mile entrance to Weetamoo Woods. She asked about a neighborhood cleanup, so Vicki replied and filled her in about our Adopt List as well as the upcoming Tiverton Clean-up Week (4/28-5/5/18). Vicki invited her to attend the Clean-up Week "kick off" and to join the Adopt List.
9. Clean-up week/"kickoff"/poster (Sat. 4/28/18) (Diane/Bonnie)
Maureen M. belongs to "Next Door Neighbors" (an on-line info. sharing network) and will post info. about clean-up week soon.

Diane shared with the group that permission has been granted for the "kick off" on (4/28/18) to take place at the green @ the entrance to Grinnelle's Beach.

A Tiverton Clean-up Week flyer was created by both Diane and Bonnie's husband and copies (in color) were distributed at the meeting so the committee members can distribute them throughout the town.
10. Letter from the Litter Committee (Bonnie)
Bonnie decided instead of sending out a letter to the Adopt List about Tiverton Clean-up Week, the flyer can be sent out to the Adopt List (via e-mail) as a reminder of the event. (Vicki will send the flyer next week.)
11. March Minutes on litter Website (Michelle U.)
**Litter Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Thank you, Michelle, for posting the March Minutes to the Litter Website.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. R.I. DOT Website:

(Maureen M.)

http://www.dot.ri.gov/community/adopta/adopt_a_highway.php

Maureen M. suggested the litter committee solicit businesses in Tiverton to adopt a stretch of Rte. 24 that goes through Tiverton. The DOT chooses one of two companies that do the actual cleanup, pay the company a fee, and they get signage for adopting the stretch. (The Website above has information about this initiative.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory/list of volunteers at library

(Vicki)

There are plenty of bags in inventory for the adopt members.

2. New Adopt members?

(Committee)

Joyce Andrews who monitors Pond Ridge Rd.

3. New Tiverton Court Judge

(Chief Jones)

Chief Jones announced that the new court judge in Tiverton is Judge Robert Humphrey.

NEXT LITTER MEETING: Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at **6:15pm** in the Tiverton Library Trustee Room.