

**LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878**  
**Litter Committee Website: [Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home](http://Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home)**  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 @ 6:15pm (Trustee's Room)

**Attendance at this meeting:** Joyce Andrews, Natalie Cote, Bonnie Kane, 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, 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](mailto: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):**

Ginny Wholley from the "Trash-Walking" group.

Ginny has recently moved to Tiverton and as she was walking over the Sakonnet Bridge, she noticed a lot of trash. She went on Facebook and seeked-out help. Bonnie saw her post, contacted her, and invited her to our meeting.

Ginny also got a reply on Facebook from a person named Brandon who works for R.I. Junk, in Tiverton offering to help. Mr. Baptist, the owner of R.I. Junk, and his family offered to assist as well. Ginny arranged to meet on a particular Sunday and they cleaned up the area behind the Bait store. Bonnie will contact Brandon and find out if Brandon's group can join the Tiverton Clean-up Week event and maybe join our Adopt-An-Area List, as well.

**TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS**

1. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)  
**There are no updates as of this meeting.**
2. Litter at Tiverton Casino (Vicki)  
**Vicki drove through the casino grounds a few hours before the Litter Meeting and noticed quite a few cans and bottles on the grass area. There were also quite a bit of nip bottles along the paved driveway in each direction. Vicki will contact the casino and ask that the grounds are kept up weekly.**
3. Litter logo for Litter Committee letterhead (Vicki)  
**Natalie has the original logo and will see if she can get letterhead printed at Paul's Print Shop on Fish Road. (Letterhead will be used to thank those that are assisting in keeping our town litter free.)**
4. Litter poster updates and location (Joyce)  
**Joyce was unable to leave the poster at the Bank of Newport and will find a new location soon. She also plans to make a smaller poster to see if other businesses in the area are willing to assist in letting us hang the poster for community awareness.**
5. Fogland photos on Litter Website (Joyce/Michelle)  
**Joyce and Vicki met with Michelle Umehara to post the Fogland photos on the Litter Website. (Thank you, Michelle!)**

6. Litter Website on Tiverton Town Website (Vicki/Michelle)  
**David Robert, the town's Website designer added the Litter Committee's Website to the Litter Folder on the town's Website.**
7. "Wishful Thinking" editorial in 12/27/18 Sakonnet Times (Natalie)  
**The committee is a bit disappointed in the town's resistance to ban the one-time plastic bag use. The Sustainability Committee will need to come up with other ways to make this happen.**
8. "Talking Tash with David Sedaris" Article (Diane)  
**This article talked about David Dedaris and his dedication to picking up litter.**
9. "Dutchess of Cornwall Gives Royals Trash Grabber" Article (Vicki/Dick)  
**This article talked about how the "royal's" get down and dirty by picking up trash with grabbers. (Both Harry and William have been trained to pick up trash since they were very young.)**
10. Police detail at Fogland needed year round (Joyce)  
**There is a need to increase the Police detail at Fogland year round due to the remoteness of the beach. Joyce has also been cleaning the beach year round and finds that this time of the year the tide brings in a lot of trash from the river...and ongoing problem. She was also wondering why there was a very high pile of sand in front of the Fogland handicap parking near the bath houses??**
11. Advertising in the Sakonnet Times and Herald News to promote the Litter Committee meetings. (Natalie)  
**Natalie contacted both papers and only the Herald News put in a blurb about our monthly meetings. The Herald News printed this "blurb" on 1/10, 1/15, 1/24, and 1/30. We will ask them to print more of these blurbs in the spring, closer to Tiverton Clean-up Week. (There was no response from the Sakonnet Times.)**
12. Keys found on Slade Street/Florence Street (Vicki)  
**Once again, Vicki found a set of keys on a tree branch while walking and picking up litter. She brought them to the Police Department. (There have been break-ins in cars in the area of Stafford and the side streets of Slade Street and Florence Street because people do not lock their vehicles.**
13. One-time plastic bags use (Vicki/Maureen M.)  
**Vicki put Maureen in touch with Bill Gerlach, from the Sustainability Committee for follow up as Maureen is interested in this issue.**
14. Tiverton Middle School (Community Service) (Natalie)  
**Nothing to report as of this meeting.**
15. Portsmouth State Garage (town/Park and Ride) (Maureen M.)  
**The committee would like to get volunteers to monitor the trash at the Park and Ride as it needs to be done on a daily basis.**
16. Contacting Tiverton businesses about Adopting-An-Area in Tiverton (Natalie/Dick)  
**Nothing to report as of this meeting.**
17. How to spread the word (at the library) about our litter meetings (Vicki/Maureen M.)  
**Vicki will ask the library if a smaller poster can be left at the library as there was a poster (the same size as ours) on display at the library the day Vicki and Joyce met at the library with Michelle Umehara to work on the Litter Website.**

18. Litter Patrol van in Tiverton picking up trash (Vicki)  
**Bonnie saw a van labeled “Highway Litter Patrol” picking up litter in town. We would like to know who they are and how often they pick up trash in Tiverton so we can work around their schedule with other groups.**
19. Girl Scout Troop to adopt Emilie Ruecker Wildlife Refuge (Jennifer/Violet)  
**The Girls Scouts will adopt Emilie Ruecker Wildlife Refuge and monitor that area as they are able. Thank you girl scouts!!**
20. Group training for young children picking up trash (needles/gloves) (Vicki)  
**Mr. Rogers, from DPW, suggested that groups that have children picking up trash be informed that there are needles and other hazzardess items out there and that thick gloves should be worn to avoid any punctures.**
21. DPW trash schedule (update Litter Committee “blurb” on flyer) (Vicki)  
**There is nothing to report as of this meeting.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Litter Committee would like to know (for planning purposes) the dates Garden Club has planned for the 2019 Tiverton Clean-up Week. (Diane)
2. I’ve attached a copy of the 2019 trash pick-up scheduled from the DPW. The Litter Committee has a box on the front of the flyer that needs to be updated. I recommend the heading of “Tiverton Pride, Town Wide” created by Dick. We need to put something inside the designated area to promote awareness about litter and maybe even information about our committee and how to join?. **(PLEASE BRING IDEAS TO OUR NEXT MEETING)** so we can get something concrete to DPW for the 2020 mailing!) (Vicki)
3. At our next meeting, I would like to discuss the amount of trash on Eagleville Road and who we can call to assist. (It is a very dangerous road to have individual volunteers picking up trash there.) (Vicki)
4. We need to figure out a way to make the recycling barrels on wheels (with attached covers) mandatory as the residence in the town put their trash out in small barrels that blow all over town on a windy day. (Vicki)  
**Vicki has a call into Mr. Rogers about this issue.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory/list of volunteers at library updates (Vicki)  
**Vicki reported there are 70 bags in inventory at the library.**
2. Adopt-An-Area Updates (edits were due to Vicki on 1/31/19) (Committee)  
**The updated list will be sent to the committee via e-mail, shortly.**

#### **NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE CHANGE DUE TO A CONFLICT IN SCHEDULE!**

Tuesday, **March 12, 2019**, at **6:15pm** in the Trustee’s Room at the Tiverton Library.