

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

6:15pm – Tiverton Library—Trustee's Room

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

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place at the Trustee 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 it due to availability. IF you attend regularly and are **unable to attend** this meeting, please call Vicki Revier (Chairperson) at 624-2810 and leave a message as early as possible so that we can promptly start the meeting at **6:30pm**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

The committee agreed that a great time was had by all at the annual Litter dine out which took place on 6/11/16 at Four Corner's Grille. A photo of the Litter Committee has been posted to the Litter Website!

TOPIC: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Citation for Tiverton Materials presented on 6/30/16 (Vicki/Diane/Natalie)
The details of the event were discussed as Bonnie was working on 6/30/16 and could not participate in the presentation. After Vicki dropped off a framed citation, she was given a Tiverton Materials shirt and a light green safety vest. The crew at Tiverton Materials were humbled to be recognized.
2. State crews cleaning up litter in two areas (week of 8/15/16) (Bonnie/Diane/Natalie)
Portsmouth Garage crews were spotted picking up litter on Main Road, at the Park and Ride on Fish Road, and along Fish Road—closer to Rte. 177.
3. Details needed for 2017 co-sponsorship of Clean-Up Week (Diane)
The Litter Committee would like to co-sponsor the “kick off” for the Tiverton Clean-Up Week event in late April, early May 2017 by supplying morning refreshments and to help cover the table at Grinnelle's Beach.
4. Update on “Subway” parking lot (telephone call) (Vicki)
Contact was made to Mark DeMello twice about the loose railing and excessive amount of litter around the property (of the building behind Subway) on Stafford Road—and nothing has been done to date. This is not only a business litter violation, but also a safety issue for those using the railing on the stairs in front of the building. A message was left on Capt. Jones's voice mail (at the Police Department) asking for suggestions about how these two items are to be taken care of.
5. Letstalktrash.moonfruit.com – replacement Website needed (Maureen U.)
The Litter Committee free Website expired on 9/1/16. The committee would like to know the cost of keeping the Website. IF it is too costly, then another free Website will need to be researched.
6. Grass area across from Brookdale Sakonnet Bay Manor (Diane)
Diane presented the group with a diagram of the triangular area on Main Road (see attached) that is going to be planted by the Garden Club and maintained by both the Garden Club and Tiverton Lion's Club—April through October of each year. (Thanks to the state of RI which has assisted the Garden Club in acquiring insurance as the location of this area is at the end of the exit ramp off Exit 5.)
7. Follow up to letters sent to Volvo Group (Pat)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
8. Michael Dukakis article: Former governor picks up litter (Pat)
The committee discussed the article about Michael Dukakis picking up litter each day on his way to work in Boston, MA, and wished others would take the same action as he and our litter committee and Adopt members do.

9. Discuss in detail Litter ordinance updates (Committee)
The committee decided that the language in the ordinance is fine, however, the fines need to be updated as they are very low. Natalie will be e-mailing Judge James Donnelly and inviting him to our September or October meeting to get his opinion on how to proceed. IF possible, we would also like to have Capt. Jones present at that meeting for his input as well.
10. Update on camera (Natalie)
Nothing to report as of this writing.
11. Litter Committee becoming a stand-alone committee? (Pat)
Natalie will contact Nancy Mello as she is under the impression that this change must be put on the Town Council Agenda for approval.
12. Letters to area businesses to monitor their properties (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
13. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
A special thanks to the Portsmouth Garage for sending out help to assist in picking up litter in August.
14. Litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Committee)
This is on hold until we determine which Litter Website we will be utilizing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Garden Club members joining the Adopt List? (Diane)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
2. Trustee Room are reserved for Sept., Oct., and Nov. (Vicki)
Confirmed tonight by library staff member.
3. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory at library (Vicki)
There are plenty of bags available for our Adopt members to pick up.

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at **6:15pm.**

(Location: Trustee's Room)