

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 (at 6:30pm in Zoom)

Attendance at this meeting in Zoom: Joyce Andrews, Dick Danner, Maureen Morrow, and Vicki Revier
The committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from October –June, **except for January, July, and August** from 6:30-7:30pm in Zoom. The September meeting is held the Tuesday after Labor Day.

NOTE: Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, vjrevier@gmail.com, or Diane Sunderland at 624-8207, if you have any questions concerning committee meetings or litter in general.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

ZOOM Guests: Jessica Freedman (“Adopt-An-Area” volunteer/Eastern RI Conservation)
Christine Francis (Business owner/resident of Tiverton)

TOPICS:

1. Joyce’s interview with the Sakonnet Times (Joyce)

Joyce met with Kristen Ray for an interview about her dedication to Fogland in keeping it litter free year-round. A photo was taken and once the article is reviewed by Joyce and Vicki, it will be published.
The article went to print on 4/14 and was “front page news!”

2. Janice Carroll’s e-mail (3/11) (Vicki)

Janice was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but did share in an e-mail that while picking up litter a gentleman stopped and told her that his sons will be picking up litter in his neighborhood on Ford Farm Road. Janice told him about our “Adopt” list.

Janice also shared that the new governor of RI, is interested in starting a statewide anti-litter campaign which will certainly help with this on-going problematic statewide issue.

3. E-mail to Stu Gilfillen (Beach concerns, etc.) (Maureen)

Emily McHugh reached out to Stu Gilfillen, Chairperson of the Tiverton Recreation Committee, as she would like to set up a beach cleanup (Grinnell’s and possibly Fogland) for kids that need volunteer hours. Stu forwarded this information to Maureen Morrow.

Emily would like to plan this event in May and is looking for a liaison from the Litter Committee to assist. (Vicki e-mailed Emily for details but has not heard back from her yet.) (Vicki)

Stu also wanted to invite a member of the Litter Committee to their Recreation Committee meeting on 4/13. (Maureen volunteered to attend.) (Maureen)

4. Town clean-up this spring (Dicki)

The town is in desperate need of a spring cleanup (after winter) and since we pair up with the Garden Club to do this, Vicki will reach out to Diane for information. (Diane did mention recently that the Garden Club has not met yet this year as the group does not start up again until later in the spring.)

5. Follow-up to litter complaint forms for littered properties (Dick)
Dick mentioned that one of the property owners who was given a deadline to remove litter from his property has not done this, so the town will most likely issue a court order.
6. Signage in Tiverton (Maureen/Dick)
The town (DPW?) has been doing a good job in removing signage around town, i.e., (on telephone poles, etc.), however, once the weather gets warmer, seasonal signs, i.e., landscaping, painting, house construction, etc. will appear which we will need to watch closely.
7. Brightly lit sign in Tiverton (Jay)
Jay reported that the Pond View Condominiums have a new set of bright LED lights that are at ground level pointing up to the Sign. Drivers, however, are blinded on Stafford Road by these bright lights. Jay contacting the Zoning official and the owner/manager of Pond View will remedy this issue as soon as possible.
8. Portsmouth DOT (Maureen)
The ACI crews are still suspended due to the pandemic.
9. Letters to Tom's Market/Visit to Dollar General (Dick/Vicki)
Dick reported that Tom's Market parking lot looked okay when he was there last. Vicki reports that since Dick has been there the parking lot is starting to look littered. We will need to reach out again to Tom's Market as this should be a daily task as per the town ordinance.

Vicki has nothing new to report about Dollar General (on Stafford Road) which continues to be problematic area.
10. Updates to Litter Committee Website (Diane/Joyce)
Diane and Joyce are starting to discuss changes to the Litter Website. This is a work in progress.
11. Updates to the Town of Tiverton Website (Litter Committee listings) (Vicki)
Jeannie Veegh, town clerk, told Vicki that her list reflects the correct listing of Litter Committee members, however, the town Website needs to be updated to reflect these changes.
12. Park & Ride (cleaned up!) (Vicki)
The Park & Ride looks great, however, we are not sure who did the work. Thank you to the volunteer that is cleaning up the Park & Ride. This area is one of our problematic areas due to the high Traffic in that lot.

13. Update on Fogland/Pond Bridge (Joyce)
Vicki shared with the committee a photo taken by Joyce showing plantings on the sand dunes by Save The Bay. Joyce stated that the plantings will assist in preventing some of the sand from blowing onto the roadway which has to be plowed by DPW often.
14. Tiverton Landfill/Transfer Station/Recycling Center (Committee)
Nothing to report as of this time.
15. Updates to Mega Seasons Gas Station/Retail Store (Maureen)
The residents of the town have commented on the plan presented by the company that plans to build this gas station/store, however, there is nothing to report at this time.
16. Essay project in the middle and high schools (Dick)
This activity will be discussed Fall '21 when the middle school and high school are back to 100% in-classroom instruction.
17. Electronic Sign ("Tiverton Pride, Town Wide") (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.
18. Cameras around town (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area List updates? (Vicki)
Two more residents of Tiverton have been added to the "Adopt" List. (Thank you for joining us!)
2. Town of Tiverton request of monthly Agendas and Minutes (Vicki)
Vicki shared that in addition to uploading the Litter Committee Agendas/Minutes to the State Website, the Town is now requesting the same information each month the committee meets.
3. Elizabeth Higginbotham/Christine Francis (Litter Website inquiries) (Vicki)
Vicki sent a Zoom invitation to both Elizabeth and Christine as they contacted the committee through the Litter Website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Facebook/Social Media (updates) (Natalie)
Both Jessica and Christine suggested that the Litter Committee get a Facebook page and to also use Instagram. Both Jessica and Christine discussed the power of these two social medias as the Litter Committee will reach a broader audience that could assist with litter activities. (Thank you, Jessica and Christine for this valuable information and willingness to start the process.)

2. Pardon Gray Spring Clean-up (new to agenda) (Maureen)
Maureen sent Vicki some photos from Instagram about the Pardon Gray clean-up. Jessica attended this event through the Open Space Committee activity and stated that Pardon Gray has a lot more trash than what is seen from the road. This is due to the open fields and the gullies along the roadway.
3. Community Service-middle/high school children (new to agenda) (Maureen)
(See line item #3 on page 1.)
4. Litter along Nanaquaket Pond Road (Jay)
Jay contacted Vicki about a resident that lives on Nanaquaket Point Road who has been dealing with trash that comes up to his driveway entrance in an area between his stone fence and an iron fence which is slightly beyond it. The trash cannot be seen by the road. Jay contacted Chris Cotta and will give an update at our next meeting.

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021— 6:30pm in Zoom.