

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 @ 6:15pm (Trustee's Room)

Attendance at this meeting: Joyce Andrews, Natalie Cote, Dick Danner, Pauline Ferland, Bonnie Kane, Diane Sunderland, 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 of room, 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, if you are interested in attending our meeting(s) or if you attend regularly and are unable to attend a meeting so we can begin the meeting on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

A special thanks to the litter committee members, their families, and donations that helped make the Tiverton Clean-up "kick-off" day a success!

TOPICS:

1. Wrap-up of Tiverton Clean-up Week (4/27-5/4) (Diane)
Diane will report to the committee next month after she meets with Garden Club to find out how the week went.
2. Wrap-up of Litter Committee Kick-off Day (4/27) (Committee)
"Kick-off Day" was a success having about two dozen participants at the welcome table at Grinnell's Beach picking up bags and gloves. We acquired 3 more families for the Adopt List.
3. Gloves donated for Tiverton Clean-up Week (grabbers) (Vicki)
Thank you, Dick, for donating gloves and grabbers for the event. This will be done again at the 2020 "kick off".
4. DPW truck at Grinnell's for "kick off" (4/27) (Vicki)
Vicki sent Richard Rogers an e-mail thank you (from the Litter Committee) for providing a truck and small trailer for the trash that was picked up on 4/27 at Grinnell's Beach as well as the trash picked up at various drop-off locations in town.
5. Tiverton Happenings/Sakonnet Times/Herald News (Clean-up week ads) (Natalie)
Natalie stated that the only advertising done for this event was on social medial. The newspapers did not print the information she sent them prior to the event.
6. Ginny Whooley's thank-you e-mail to the committee (Vicki)
Ginny thanked the committee via e-mail for all their hard work. She spent 3 hours cleaning the beach between the boat launch and bait shop as well as under the Sakonnet Bridge. (Thank you, Ginny.)
7. Ideas for 2020 Tiverton Clean-up week 2020 (Committee)
The committee would like to discuss with the Garden Club the details of the 2019 event to make the 2020 event even better. We plan to have more grabbers for volunteers as a few were supplied this year to see if volunteers would use them.

8. Lawn signs for Litter Committee events (Natalie)
The committee plans to put out lawn signs prior to “Kick-Off” day 2020 as they are a very effective way to advertise the event.
9. Boy Scouts (Park and Ride) schedule (Vicki)
The Boy Scouts plan to clean the Park and Ride 4/28, 5/19, and 6/9 as they are able.
10. Essay Contest in Tiverton Schools (Dick)
Dick contacted the Tiverton schools about having an essay contest for the students in regard to keeping Tiverton litter free. He will follow up.
11. Litter Committee blurb on DPW trash pick-up schedule (Vicki)
Vicki e-mailed the blurb to DPW and will follow up to be sure they received it and that it will be put in the 2020 trash pick-up schedule.
12. R.I. Junk – clothing bin on premises and removal (Maureen M./Natalie)
The clothing bin on the premises of R.I. Junk was removed in a timely fashion.
13. Litter Committee presence at Pardon Gray Day—9/14 (committee awareness) (Joyce/Maureen M.)
Joyce suggested we get a table at the Pardon Gray event on 9/14/19 to spread awareness to the community about what the Litter Committee does as well as to recruit new members for the Adopt-An-Area List. Joyce will look into this. Maureen M. knows that Wayne and Eileen Browning are key organizers for the event so Maureen will contact Joyce to assist.
14. Fish Road/Bulgarmarsh (construction debris) (Maureen M.)
Maureen has been in touch with the Town administrator as the stretch of Fish Road between Rte. 24 and Bulgarmarsh has at least three properties that have become dumping sites for construction debris. The Town code enforcer takes care of this, however, the position of code enforcer has been vacant for a while.
15. Metal sign/pole at Casino island (hazard) (Vicki)
Vicki has noticed 2 metal signs down (near the rotary) that were knocked down by large trucks trying as to go around the rotary. These signs need to be removed. Vicki has been in touch with the DPW and will call the DOT if they are not on town property.
16. DPW notice about mowing at Seapowet (contacting Adopt members) (Vicki)
The DPW has been contacting Vicki about the mowing schedule so she can contact members on the Adopt List to assist in removing trash before it becomes shredded. This schedule is working, however, we know as the season progresses and subcontractors are mowing, we will probably not get the mowing schedule in advance.
17. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
18. Litter at Tiverton Casino (Dick)
Dick reported that there has been no litter at the Casino as it is now spring and an outside agency is now taking care of the property on a regular basis.
19. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
Maureen contacts the Portsmouth Garage daily to ask them to keep Tiverton on their list for litter removal.

20. Litter logo watermark for Litter Committee correspondences (Natalie)
Natalie shared the Litter logo letterhead that she and Dick worked on. Copies will be made and used for correspondence to those that keep areas in town litter free.
21. Fogland flyer (Joyce)
Joyce brought in a photo of Fogland with the caption, "Save Fogland" What goes in, must come out! Natalie plans to post this flyer on social media as well as the Litter Committee Website.
22. Tiverton Schools (Community Service) (Natalie)
Now that the schools are gearing up for graduation, many students have not completed their required 75 hours of community service. Natalie plans to contact Matt Maguire who is in charge of community service at the high school to see if we can get some assistance.
23. Contacting Tiverton businesses about Adopting-An-Area in Tiverton (Natalie/Dick)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
24. Have you seen the Litter Patrol van in Tiverton picking up trash? (Vicki)
Natalie saw the DOT van and dump truck (ACI workers) on 177 moving east before Fish Road on 5/9.
25. Recycling barrels on wheels (Vicki)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory updated list and bag inventory (Vicki)
Vicki contacted Kathryn (Library Director) to ask that the library staff be informed as to where the inventory of bags are located for volunteer pick up. (I wrote the location on the list of volunteers I dropped off on 4/29 and it is also written on an envelope at the front desk.)

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, *June 4, 2019*, at 6:15pm

The committee has decided to go to the 110 Grille at the South Coast Mall in Fall River.

Vicki will call and make the reservation. (Please contact her if you plan to go.)