

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Scheduled meeting--Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Committee actually met—June 27, 2017

6:15 pm—Tiverton Library

Attendance at this meeting: Natalie Cote, Judge Donnelly, Capt. Jones, 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 the meeting due to availability or a conflict in the litter committee member's schedule.

NOTE: Please leave me a message if you regularly attend and unable to make our litter meetings by 5pm. 401-624-2810.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Update on camera, litter link to Police, Tiverton, and Litter Websites (Capt. Jones)
Capt. Jones shared with the committee that there is a new sales rep for the cameras and that he is looking for a R.I. workshop that the litter committee can attend to get more information about these cameras. He is also looking into “fake” cameras that can be put up around town as a decoy. Capt. Jones will link our new litter Website to the Police Website and post our “kick-off” photo on the Website as well.
2. Litter ordinance updates -Judge Donnelly (unavailable tonight) (Natalie)
Judge Donnelly explained to the group that very few people in the courtroom are eligible for community service. He will contact Vicki should he have any offenses that would warrant community service. Capt. Jones did explain that when community service is assigned to individuals in the community, there must be supervision in place and that litter cleanup would need to take place in a safe area in town.
3. Group photo from Tiverton “kick-off” day to Marcia Pobzeznic (Diane/Vicki)
Marcia never returned Vicki’s e-mail or telephone call about posting the “kick-off” photo from Tiverton Clean-up week.
4. A “thank-you” from the Garden Club for Tiverton Clean-Up Week help (Vicki)
In the 6/1/17 Sakonnet Times, a letter to the editor was sent to thank those that volunteered during Tiverton clean-up week. (Diane and Vicki wrote the blurb and Simone P. from the Garden Club submitted it.)
5. Tiverton Boy Scout Troop #4218 Park and Ride/Mowing (Vicki)
The Boy Scouts have cleaned the park and ride recently (after the grass was mowed) and will continue to monitor this area when able.
6. Twin River Casino letter sent (Maureen M.)
Maureen M. sent a letter to the members of the Casino Sub Committee on 5/22/17 explaining to them (among other things) the importance of the casino joining our “Adopt-An-Area.” She asked them to monitor from Rte. 24 and all of Stafford Road up to Bliss Four Corners six (6) times per year as an increase of litter will take place once the casino is open for business. Maureen also mentioned that litter is not picked up by the Tiverton DPW and that on occasion the ACI crews assist the town with the removal of litter.
Nothing to report (from the casino) as of this meeting.

7. Eagleville Trash barrels/bin (Eagleville Litter Patrol) (Vicki)
About a month ago, three barrels and one bin was put along Eagleville for trash by a Tiverton resident. Recently the barrels and one bin have been removed. Capt. Jones will see if he can identify who put the barrels/bin out so we can contact this individual and thank them for cleaning all of Eagleville and for their efforts of keeping it litter free.
8. Litter Committee--a stand-alone committee (Natalie)
The committee decided that there should be 7 formal members on the committee. On-line forms will need to be filled out by the committee members and presented to the Town Council.
9. Letters to area businesses to monitor their properties (Maureen M.)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
10. Sign ordinance to be addressed (illegal signs in Tiverton) (Maureen M./Peter M.)
**Maureen M. sent an e-mail to Mr. Hall on 6/8/17 about a proliferation of illegal signs on telephone poles, metal wickets, etc.
Nothing to report as of this writing.**
11. Portsmouth State Garage (Maureen M.)
There have been a lot of sightings in town of people (non-volunteers) picking up litter this past month. A big "thank-you" to all the groups that have assisted in keeping Tiverton litter free.
12. May Minutes posted on: letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home (Michelle U.)
**Michelle posted the May Minutes and a few photos on the litter committee Website.
(Thank you, Michelle, for doing this!)**

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Garden Club members joining the Adopt List? (Diane)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
2. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory at library (Vicki)
Vicki will get an inventory of the bags available at the library for volunteers to pick up.
3. Litter Committee May luncheon moved to Sept. (set date/time) (Committee)
As of this writing, Saturday, September 23, 2017, will be the litter committee luncheon. The restaurant has yet to be determined.
4. Reserve meeting room for '17-'18 academic year for litter meetings (Vicki)
Vicki will schedule (in August) a meeting room for the September-November litter meetings.

TOPICS: (For our next meeting)

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 5th at **6:15pm** in the Tiverton Library. The meeting room is TBD.