

**LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878**  
**Litter Committee Website: [Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home](http://Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home)**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (at 7pm in Zoom)**

Attendance at this meeting in Zoom: Joyce Andrews, Dick Danner, Bonnie Kane, Diane Sunderland, and Vicki Revier

All litter meetings normally take place from 6:15-7:30pm 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 a meeting due to the annual dine out, availability of room, or a conflict in the litter committee member's schedule. **(This meeting was held on Tuesday, 6/2, at 7pm on Zoom as we are the midst of the Corona virus.\*)**

If you are interested in joining our Zoom meeting this week, please contact [drbakane@aol.com](mailto:drbakane@aol.com) (the day before or the morning of the meeting) so she can send you the link the morning of the meeting.

**NOTE:** Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, [vjrevier@gmail.com](mailto:vjrevier@gmail.com), or Diane Sunderland at 624-8207, if you are interested in attending our meetings on a regular basis.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:**

(Committee)

**We are so thankful for the dedication Bonnie Kane has given to the Litter Committee over the past 13 years. Bonnie and her family plan to move to California by the end of summer for a new adventure!**

**On behalf of the Litter Committee, we wish Bonnie and her family safe travels and much happiness in their new adventure. NOTE: IF things don't work out, we welcome you and your family back to Tiverton with open arms—and, of course, Bonnie, back to the Litter Committee!!**

**TOPICS:**

1. Update on Fogland Beach and Jack's Island's litter

(Joyce)

**Joyce has been cleaning Fogland Beach daily. Even though there are large boulders blocking sections of the beach, some people are still having bon fires. Most of them are on the cove side of the beach and some on the beach side. People are leaving behind empty cans, broken bottles, fire pit burnt wood, trash, etc. (Vicki contacted Lt. Raymond and asked for more of a Police presence at the beach in the evenings. Lt. Raymond said he will do his best, but the Tiverton Police force are on standby for any riots occurring from the death of George Floyd.**

**Joyce would also like to find other volunteers on the Adopt-An-Area List that have signed up to monitor Fogland and Jack's Island as she cannot keep ahead of the trash in both locations alone.**

2. Garbage men seen kicking cans and trash to the curb

(Joyce)

**Joyce was behind a Mega Company garbage truck on Main Road and noticed as the garbage man was emptying a recycling bin, items that fell out onto the ground and kicked to the curb. She watched the garbage man in disbelief do this countless times as she tried to pass the truck.**

**Vicki called the Mega Disposal Company (who also owns Patriot Disposal Company) and left a message for Michael Nunes who handles the truck drivers to inform him of this unacceptable behavior. Once she hears back from Mr. Nunes, she will contact Tiverton Town Hall to let them know what is going on and find out when the Mega Company's contract with the town is up. (Recyclables should only fall out of bins if they are filled too high and the wind gets under them.)**

3. Town's response to Litter complaint forms submitted (littered properties) (Maureen M.)  
**Maureen received a phone message from the Tiverton Code Enforcer that he will issue three of the four properties (that were cited in a complaint form sent on behalf of the committee) with excessive litter "notice of violations." The fourth property on Stafford Road was not sighted as the Code Enforcer said it, "Looked okay." (He did not see the litter as the trees are now in bloom and branches of leaves are covering much of the litter.) Maureen will contact the Code Enforcer and follow up.**
4. Spring letter to Adopt List volunteers (Bonnie)  
**A big thank-you to Bonnie for sending out a spring letter to the Adopt-An-Area List thanking them for monitoring their adopted areas around Town and also shared with them that due to the pandemic we are now seeing face masks, gloves, and wipes littered round town. (One volunteer from the Adopt List contacted her thanking her for sending the letter which was much appreciated.)**
5. T-Shirts/bags for distribution to Adopt List volunteers (Diane)  
**Diane has volunteered to distribute bags and T-Shirts (as a result of Bonnie's letter) to the Adopt volunteers. Once the T-shirt supply runs out, Diane would like to turn over the task to another Litter Committee member and will let the committee know at that time.**
6. Poem in NY paper about gloves and mask litter (Vicki)  
**Vicki sent the committee a poem she read in a NY newspaper that focused on picking up litter which now includes gloves and masks due to the pandemic! (Unfortunately, other states are going through what we are going through.)**
7. Electronic Sign availability ("Tiverton Pride, Town Wide") (Vicki/Lt. Raymond)  
**Vicki contacted Lt. Raymond about placing the Police Dept. electronic sign (when it is not in use) around town to educate the community about keeping it litter free. Capt. Jones approved the request.**  
  
**The committee needs to send slogans for the sign to Vicki ASAP so we can get the sign positioned at one of the entrances to the town.**
8. Maureen's letter to the Editor (not published yet) (Vicki)  
**Maureen's letter to the Editor was published in the Newport Daily News in early May and will be sent to the Sakonnet Times so it can be published there as well.**

9. Litter Committee's Mission/Adopt handout (updates) (Joyce/Vicki)  
**Vicki sent the committee an updated "blurb" about the committee's mission as well as how to join the Adopt List. (Vicki suggested keeping copies of this half page "blurb" in committee member's cars to be distributed to those seen picking up litter or if you are stopped by someone along the roadside noticing you picking up litter.)**
10. Signage in Tiverton (article, warnings, fines, etc.) (Dick)  
**Dick has been keeping in touch with the Tiverton Bldg. Dept. (Joseph Kaufman) who is just as concerned as the Committee about removing signs around town. (Due to the pandemic, Dick said that as he delivers "meals on wheels" the only signs he has noticed around town are the ones that are on private property.) Dick will continue to monitor this as we know things will change after businesses fully open.**
11. Letter created for businesses with littered parking lots (Dick)  
**It was suggested that Bonnie's Adopt letter be updated with businesses in mind and sent out as parking lots are seeing much more litter these days. Now that landscapers are busy working, we are now noticing mowed trash which makes our job so much harder. (Dick plans to visit Tom's Market where he saw landscapers mowing litter a few days ago.)**
12. Trash on Rte. 177 and Fish Road (Dick)  
**Dick noticed a dump truck with a tree that had fallen over it as well as bulldozer and trash which is an eyesore in the vicinity of Rte. 177 and Fish Road.**
- OTHER BUSINESS:**
1. Adopt-An-Area List (update) (Vicki)  
**Please send Vicki updates for current Adopt list members as well as any new prospects while out and about picking up trash.**
2. April Minutes on the Litter Committee Website (updates needed) (Michelle)  
**Michelle requested the committee members look at the Litter Website and share with her any changes that might need to be made or any new suggestions for the Website.**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Since this is our last meeting until September, have a safe, healthy, and fun summer. Be sure to send me any litter related information during the summer. Thank you for all you do to make our beautiful town "litter free"- which we all know is an endless task!**

**NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2020—location TBD.**