

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Attendance at this meeting: Joyce Andrews, Paulette Ferland, Bonnie Kane, Lt. Raymond, Diane Sunderland, and Vicki Revier

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 a meeting due to the annual dine out, availability of room, or a conflict in the litter committee member's schedule.

NOTE: Please contact, Vicki Revier, 258 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878, Litter Committee Chairperson, at 401-624-2810, vjrevier@gmail.com, 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 big “thank you” for all of your participation--especially Bonnie's husband Stu as our mascot “Litter Bug” on Pardon Gray Day, 9/14.

TOPICS:

1. Litter Committee presence at Pardon Gray Day—9/14

(Committee)

The committee agreed unanimously that the event gave the Litter Committee good exposure to the community. Thanks to Joyce for suggesting the Litter Committee participate in the event.

2. Winner of Moose Café' raffle (Lorraine Buffman)-Pardon Gray Day
Lorriane Buffman was thrilled to be the winner of the raffle. Thanks to Maureen Morrow for donating the gift card!

(Maureen M.)

3. Results of the litter quiz—Pardon Gray Day

(Vicki)

Thirty-seven (36) people took the quiz and the majority of them had the correct answers to all four questions. Thank to Maureen Morrow for creating the quiz.

4. Signage ordinance (Public Hearing 8/26, etc.)

(Pauline/Maureen)

Paulette attended the public hearing and spoke to the council about how signs left past the day of an event eventually becomes litter in the town. (The planning board was suppose to get back to the council with plan to update the Sign Ordinance (within 45 days of the meeting), but nothing has been discussed as the 45 days have lapsed.) The Litter Committee agreed that signs should be put out a week before an event at the edge of private property and then removed the day the event is over, otherwise, those that leave them behind should be fined. (This helps to keep the number of signs in town to a minimum.) The Litter Committee felt that those in town that allow signage on their private property are excluded from a timeframe to remove signs.

5. Fish Road/Bulgarmarsh Road (construction debris)

(Committee)

The debris in the original area appears to be gone, however, with the installation of the new traffic lights at that intersection, there is new debris in this area. (The Litter Committee will monitor this area after the light project is complete.)

6. International Coastal Cleanup (Sept/Oct) Fogland—9/28 (Committee)
Joyce joined a small group of five (5) at Fogland who were participating in the Coastal Cleanup event on 9/28. Very little trash was evident on the day the event. Joyce talked to July (from Save The Bay who arranged this event) about the Litter Committee. July would like to contact Vicki for more information about the Litter Committee's mission.
7. Contacting Sakonnet Times (T. Daglish about interviewing J. Andrews (Vicki/Joyce)
Vicki will reach out to Tom Daglish to set up a meeting with Joyce to discuss the possibility of an interview with Joyce.
8. Park & Ride (State/Scouts) (Vicki)
Ethan Meyers from Boy Scout Troup 4218 reported in an e-mail to Vicki on 10/7 that he and 9 Scouts cleaned the Park & Ride on 9/29 filling 4 trash bags. Vicki replied and thanked them for their help and reminded them that there are trash bags at the library for them to use when they do trash pickup.
9. Letterhead for letter to Viti Autogroup (Jim Gray)—Adopting Park & Ride (Vicki/Natalie)
Natalie will send Vicki a copy of the Litter Committee logo in color on letterhead so the letter that Vicki wrote to Jim Gray can be mailed.
10. Grinnell's Beach litter removal (Committee)
Nothing to report as of this meeting. Stewart and Jeff (volunteers) have been seem monitoring the Beach on a daily basis.
11. Gledma's (on Stafford Road) (Vicki)
Vicki will contact Bill O'Neal or Mike Brogan from the Building and Zoning Board about the safety issue at Gledma's (the roof has collapsed) and the eyesore it is to the town as it is on Stafford Rd.
12. Form letter to send to businesses with littered parking lots (Dick)
Dick has been picking up coffee cups and nip bottles in Tom's Market parking lot and would like to send a letter (on Litter Committee letterhead) about being a good neighbor and asking the businesses in the area to monitor the parking lot on a daily basis.
13. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)
Nothing to report at this time.
14. Balloon issues in Little Compton (Sakonnet Times-8/22) (Vicki)
Vicki told the committee that mylar balloons that are either set free outside or get loose outside and end up becoming litter. The balloons do not disintegrate and can be ingested by wildlife. (Mylar balloons need to be used indoor and disposed of properly to avoid litter and ingestion of wildlife.)
15. Tiverton businesses Adopting-An-Area in Tiverton (Natalie/Dick)
Nothing to report at this meeting.
16. Reintroducing the Essay Contest in Tiverton Schools (Dick)
Dick recently sent an e-mail to the high school about re-visiting the essay contest project and hasn't heard back yet.
17. Updates to Litter Committee Website (Vicki/Michelle)
Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory updated list and bag inventory (Vicki)
The inventory in the library is fine.
2. Adopt-An-Area List updates (Vicki)
No additional updates besides the 6 new adoptees from Pardon Gray Day!

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 6:15pm in the Trustee's Room at the Tiverton library.