

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878
Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 (at 7pm in Zoom)

Attendance at this meeting in Zoom: Joyce Andrews, Cyrie Barnes, Dick Danner, Marcia Pobzeznic, Victoria Revier, and Diane Sunderland.

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 Wednesday, 5/6, at 7pm on Zoom as we are the midst of the Corona virus.)**

If you are interested in joining our Zoom meeting, please contact Vicki Revier at vjrevier@gmail.com 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, at 401-624-2810, vjrevier@gmail.com, if you are interested in attending our meetings on a regular basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

TOPICS:

1. Pardon Gray Day-Saturday, 9/6/20 (Joyce)
Pardon Gray Day has been cancelled due to the pandemic and there is no rescheduled date as of this time.
2. Covid 19 signs at Tiverton town beaches/Weetamo Woods (Joyce)
Joyce stated that signs have been placed at the town beaches and at Weetamo Woods to deter out-of-state visitors and RI residents from congregating while the pandemic is going on.

Joyce went to Fogland to pick up litter recently and noticed there were poles, rope, and caution tape in the parking lot (and other areas of Fogland) to keep in sync with the governor's request to deter crowds from forming at town beaches. When Joyce returned a few days later, the caution tape had blown all over the parking lot and the rope used to connect the poles were on the ground. Joyce called DPW and everything was picked up and put back into place the next day.

Thank you, Rick, and your crew, for taking care of this request so promptly.

3. Complaint forms for residents with littered properties (Maureen M.)
Maureen Morrow submitted complaint forms on behalf of the committee for properties in Tiverton that are in violation of keeping their properties trash free. (She sited within the complaint forms the Tiverton ordinance that is in place.)

4. Signage in Tiverton (article, warnings, fines, etc.) (Dick)
Dick noticed that when he delivers “Meals on Wheels” there have not been any signs around town which he feels is due to the Corona virus as many businesses are not open.
5. Small town clean-up groups an option (after 5/8) (Bonnie)
Bonnie would like to draft a letter to the Adopt List asking them to monitor their adopted areas now that the weather is getting nicer. She plans to mention the rules in place by the governor, i.e., using face masks and gloves, social distancing, and going out in groups of 5 or less to help avoid the spread of the Corona virus.
6. T-Shirts for clean-up event now available (Diane)
Diane gave the committee a view of the new T-Shirts that were to be used at the 2020 Spring Clean-up, which has been cancelled due to the Corona virus. Bonnie suggested handing out some of these T-shirts to those that plan to clean up their adopted areas this spring.

Thanks, again, to the Garden Club, for donating the funds to purchase these T-shirts.

Marcia sent a “Letter to the Editor” written by Maureen Morrow (on behalf of the Litter Committee) to the local newspaper encouraging those on walks to be aware of the additional trash on our roadways, i.e., face masks and gloves, etc. due to the Corona virus.
7. Letter created for businesses with littered parking lots (Dick)
Dick was thinking of creating a poster that read: “Tiverton Pride, Town Wide--Together we can keep Tiverton Beautiful” and having them displayed in Tom’s Market and other business in town that are open or are beginning to open up again.
8. Follow up to litter on Fish Road/Rte. 177 intersection (Dick)
The committee did not see any litter in this area worth noting.
9. DPW schedule during pandemic (non-purple bags until mid-May) (Vicki)
The DPW is currently on a very limited schedule with a limited crew. If you want to drop off full bags of trash, please call the DPW ahead of time. Do not drop anything off to DPW without notice. (Until 6/1/20, Tiverton residents are able to put out one 30-gallon non-purple bag as many in town are finding it hard to get out to purchase town bags with the “stay-at-home order” from the governor.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area List updates (Vicki)
Nothing to report as of this meeting.
- 2 April agenda is on the Litter Committee Website. (Michelle)

NEXT LITTER MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June2, 2020, at 7pm on Zoom (if we are still

unable to meet face to face due to the Corona virus.

NOTE: Bonnie offered to send out the Zoom invitations in June as she has a subscription to Zoom which allows the meeting to run longer than 30 minutes.