

LITTER CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tiverton Library 34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, RI 02878

Litter Committee Website: Letstalktrashtiv.wixsite.com/home

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 6:15pm (Community Room—this month only)

Attendance at this meeting: Joyce Andrews, Natalie Cote, Dick Danner, Bonnie Kane, Lt. Dan Raymond, Vicki Revier, Diane Sunderland

NOTE: All litter meetings will take place at the Trustee's 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 the annual dine out, availability, 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 if you are interested in attending our meetings or if you attend regularly and are unable to attend a meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO. SHARING:

(Committee)

GUESTS:

Richard Rogers, Tiverton DPW Director

Jennifer Viana/Violet Mundy (Tiverton Girl Scout leaders)

TOPICS: COMMITTEE TASKS

1. Pond Bridge Road mowed the trash (Joyce)
Joyce and the committee asked Mr. Rogers for a DPW mowing schedule so that litter can be removed prior to mowing to avoid shredding. He explained that the schedule isn't always "in stone", but he would inform us ahead of time when he is able to.
2. Update on cameras in town and Twin River Casino (Lt. Raymond)
Lt. Raymond said that the camera(s) are at Grinnell's Beach and that he will provide the name of the company that installed it at our next meeting. There is nothing new at this time in regard to purchasing additional cameras for the town.
3. Litter at Tiverton Casino (Vicki)
Lt. Raymond and Bonnie both stated that the amount of litter on the casino property is under control and not problematic at this time.
4. Litter poster updates (where is the poster now?) (Joyce)
Joyce has put the poster up at Stonebridge Dental (next to Bank Newport) for the next few weeks to show awareness of how bad Fogland Beach has looked.
5. Maree Feld's Fogland Beach activity on 10/7 (Sakonnet Times) (Vicki)
Vicki showed the committee the article and photo of Maree Feld's beach activity which was in the 11/15/18 Sakonnet Times.
6. Subway parking lot on Stafford Road (Vicki)
Some of the litter (not all of it) has been removed from the problematic area in front of the building behind Subway on Stafford Rd. There is a lot more to be done, but some of the litter removal is a good start.

7. Wallet found on Slade Street/Florence Street (Vicki)
Vicki found a wallet on Slade Street while removing trash on her 3-mile walk. There had been quite a few car break-ins in that area due to cars that were not locked up. Vicki dropped off the wallet to the police station so it is returned to its owner. (The wallet contained a few credit cards and a college I.D. card.)
8. Asking businesses to stop using 1-time plastic bags directly (Vicki)
The committee discussed that businesses have signs up reminding patrons to bring into the store their reusable bags. With the new Town Council in office, we are hoping that Bill Gerlach's initiative in removing the 1-time plastic bags is revisited as many of our surrounding towns have already stopped issuing 1-time plastic bags.
9. Students from the middle school picking up litter for community service (Natalie)
Nothing to report at this time.
10. Portsmouth State Garage (town/Park and Ride) (Maureen M.)
Maureen M. has contacted the Portsmouth Garage to request that Tiverton be added to their list of litter pick up before the start of Winter.
11. Contacting Tiverton businesses (with 10 or more employees) (Dick)
The discussion of getting businesses to "adopt an area" on the highway in Tiverton led to sign stipulations. Dick suggested the slogan of "Tiverton Pride, Town Wide" which the entire committee liked. Lt. Raymond suggested we ask to be added to the Town Council Meeting's agenda in February to see what this would involve. (Natalie will contact Nancy Mello at Town Hall next week about getting onto an upcoming Town Council agenda.)
12. How to spread the word (through the library) about our litter meetings (Maureen M.)
The library has a binder for advertisements, but we would like to reach a larger audience. It was suggested by Jennifer to put a blurb in the Sakonnet Times and/or Herald News. Lt. Raymond provided contact names for both papers. We will look into on-line resources as well.
13. Litter Patrol van in Tiverton on highways and side streets picking up litter (Vicki)
Both Diane and Vicki have seen in Tiverton a white van with a "RI DOT Litter Patrol" sign on the outside of the van along with people removing trash from Tiverton. We don't know who this group is so it was suggested by Lt. Raymond to contact the Portsmouth DOT. Jennifer googled "litter patrol" and the Environmental Police-RI Task Force popped up. Lt. Raymond provided contact information for both areas. (Vicki will look into this.)
14. Girl Scout Troop to assist in litter removal in Tiverton (Vicki)
Jennifer Viana and Violet Mundy (from the Tiverton Girl Scout troop in Tiverton) want to get the scouts involved with adopting an area in town or assisting during clean-up week in late April, early May. The scouts will not only earn a badge for their work, but will also become aware of the need to keep the town litter free.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-An-Area bag inventory/list of volunteers at library (Vicki)
There is currently 3 rolls of bags at the library front desk and 5 rolls of bags in the back room of the library.
2. Adopt-An-Area Updates (as of our last meeting) (Committee)
Violet and Jennifer (and the girl scout group) will be added to the volunteer list.
3. Vicki's e-mail to Maree Feld inviting her to future litter meetings (Vicki)
Nothing to report at this time.
4. **NEW:** Uploading the poster photos to the Litter Website (Joyce)
It was suggested after last night's meeting (by Joyce) that we post some of the photos taken by Joyce at Fogland Beach to the Litter Website for awareness. (Vicki has e-mailed Michelle Umehara (who maintains the Litter Website) asking to set up a meeting in mid-January to do this activity.)

NEXT LITTER MEETING: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at **6:15pm** in the Trustee's Room at the Tiverton Library