

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## *Community Events Committee*

The Community Events Committee is made up of members of the community, non-profit organizations, and town staff, who collaboratively work together to provide events for the Town of Bristol residents to enjoy each year.

In 2014, the Committee continued their efforts to offer the events that the Town has come to enjoy. They also continued with the production of the Events Brochure. The brochure has been a huge hit and has been approved to be printed two times a year. The Summer brochure covers June through August; and a Fall/Winter/Spring brochure covers September through May.

The Summer Concert Series also continues to be well-attended. A "huge" thanks goes out to Greg Gorski, the Bristol Shop N' Save and the townspeople for their continued support. The music and food were provided by Bristol Shop N' Save who donated the proceeds to the Bristol Community Services at the end of the summer. The weather once again caused some challenges but performances still moved forward. We enjoyed the sounds of the Uncle Steve Band, Shana Stack Band, The Bel Airs, Lunch at the Dump, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio, Tom & Annie's Caravan Band & the Wayfarers.

In August, the Annual Old Home Day event, made some big moves, kicking off the weekend with the last concert of the summer series, and the Bristol Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Supper and ending with a Sock Hop at the TTCC. Saturday morning started the day off with the 5K Road Race/Fun Walk to support Friends of Newfound Football, a buffet breakfast at the Masonic Union Lodge, the annual Horseshoe Tournament and the Softball Championship game. As if that wasn't enough, there were many new things to do as the day progressed. The Old Home Day group really pulled out the stops to provide the Town with an Old Home Day to remember, getting more people involved, participating and visiting. New this year was RP Williams Antique Vehicle in the downtown, old time games including the toilet paper toss and cake walk, and programs including the Police Department Police Dog Presentation, the Fire Department "Hose" Down and much more throughout the day. The day ended with the Annual Tapply-Thompson Community Center's Lobster/Chicken Dinner, a movie on the Park and then the an awesome fireworks show. It was a great community day, and so many tired volunteers to thank for all they did to help make this day so special for the many participants. Stay tuned for what 2015 will bring.

In October, the Annual Halloween Event was kicked off with the parade of Trick or Treating ghouls, goblins, witches and more, taking over the Town from 5 – 8 pm. The Bristol Fire and Police Departments set up in the downtown, handing out candy and glow-necklaces, while the Lions Club food wagon gave out hot chocolate and sold treats. Area businesses opened their doors, giving out food and candy with some even dressing up to enjoy the night. The Tapply-Thompson Community Center held their Haunted Hallway, the Minot-Sleeper Library gave out goody bags and the Masonic Lodge hosted their Halloween Haunted House. The community partnership is what continues to make this event another success for the Town.

In November, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was added as an event of the Committee, with two smaller sub-committees being established to keep the old fashioned holiday spirit alive. Carolers dressed in old-time outfits and beautiful decorations adorned the Square and all through the Town. Revelers were able to warm up near the fire, enjoy hot chocolate or hot cider, taste old fashioned roasted chestnuts, and enjoy free popcorn. A surprise visit from the Grinch, put everyone on edge, as Santa arrived on his Fire Truck sleigh, but there was no need to worry as Santa warmed the Grinch's heart and the crowd too while lighting the beautiful tree.

In 2015, the Committee would like to be able to continue the events of the past years, the ones that the Town and its children have come to love. Without the Town's support and participation it would not be possible. Volunteers are always welcome to participate. Community Event Committee meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center. The Community Events Committee Business Meeting are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 8:00am. A full list of meetings for 2015 can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee through either the Tapply-Thompson Community Center (744-2713), the Town Offices (744-3354) or via email at [bristolevents@townofbristolnh.org](mailto:bristolevents@townofbristolnh.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Community Events Committee