

Bristol Community Events Committee

October 19, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present: Christinna McClay, Gylene Salmon, Marjie Gorman, Barbara Greenwood, Joe Denning, Chief Yannuzzi, Les Dion

Halloween Parade: Barb reports that there will be no pumpkin display at the library this year but they will be open for trick or treating. The parade will line up at 4:45 pm and Barb and Marjie will be there. Les will have posters made to be distributed to local businesses. The Lion's Food wagon will be in the square and the Bristol Fire Department will be there handing out light sticks.

Old Home Day: Everyone agreed that the fireworks were an awesome addition to the event. This was about an \$1,800 show if we had to pay for it. There was discussion on whether we should be having all fireworks shows at Kelley Park. We could put on a pretty great show there. Chief Yannuzzi said he likes the idea of doing it there. Les suggested having a big show on the 4th there and a smaller show at Old Home Day again but stay within the fireworks budget. Joe thinks that fireworks would be a great addition to the Winterfest as well. There was discussion on whether we should just budget for fireworks at Old Home Day.

The inflatables were very popular. This year we had the obstacle course; water balloon toss and t-ball swing. It was agreed that we could do without the t-ball one but the other two are worth having. It was great to have free activities for the families to participate in.

We had a good crowd throughout the day. The Lion's raised \$1,059 for the Josh Manseau fund. It was suggested we do this type of basket raffle each year to benefit someone or something.

Chief Yannuzzi said he would like to see the softball game at Kelley next year. Les said that the TTCC had forgotten about the balloon being there in the AM and that is why it was moved. They will start the softball tournament after the balloon leaves next year.

Budget: We discussed requesting that the Old Home Day budget and concert budget be combined by the town into a community events line. This way we can budget for the other events offered during the year as well. We will not be expending the full \$5,000 in the concert budget this year as the TTCC paid for the concerts but we cannot guarantee that will happen in the future. It was suggested we ask the Selectboard if some of the excess in the concert budget could be used for fall events this year.

Concerts: Barb said having the Leo's down there selling food was great. People could count on having dinner each week if they wanted to. Christinna said that the Lisa Young band is no more. Joe said that Kid Jazz was great and that we should have them again next year as they are a local band. Les said we should try to get Uncle Steve's Band next year as well. It was suggested by Joe that we might want to look at having an MC there on Thursdays. Chuck Noel might be interested and it would be a nice addition. We need to find out what the cost would be.

The bathrooms continued to be an issue with the door getting locked when people exited. It was suggested we go with slide locks for next year.

The issue of a curfew at Kelley Park came up and it was suggested we might want it to be earlier than 9 pm during the winter hours.

Joe Kraemer had approached Barbara about having some tiered seating built into the banking at Kelley. Les will see if Mark Bucklin can come to the next meeting to discuss this.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9th at 10 am at TTCC