

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2012

Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Barbara Greenwood, Les Dion, Joe Denning, Lorraine Bohmiller, Gylene Salmon

Meeting called to order 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Different options were being considered as an alternative to a downtown ceremony because of the transportation enhancement construction. Kelley Park has an electricity issue as the lights would have to be left plugged in. Dedication Park has an electricity issue as there is no electricity there. The trees at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center (TTCC) seem to be the best alternative.

Would like to also have the following:

- Carolers
- Close North Main Street to vehicle traffic shutting down from approximately 5:00pm to 6:30pm (Gylene will check with the Police Department)
- Decorate the TTCC building and the trees for the lighting ceremony
- TTCC will also have inflatable's up for the night of the ceremony only
- Lions will also set up either on North Main Street or in the TD bank parking area to provide hot chocolate and sell food
- Santa to ride in on a Fire Department truck (Joe will talk to Santa and the Fire Department to schedule)
- Wagon rides around Kelley Park (Joe will talk to John Lynch about this and alternative routes if necessary)

The Committee will advertise and promote the event with the recommended road closure. Les will check for any flyers used from past events and get to Christina and Ray to adjust.

Lucille Keegan couldn't attend the meeting but had emailed Les. She mentioned that there was a lot of lights out on the buildings. The group will get a quote on the light repair or new lights and recommend adding to the budget for 2013. Joe will talk to Michael about adding to the budget. Christina will talk to Steve Favorite to get the information about the prior light installation and contact information.

Joe will contact Kenney's Kennels and the Morrison's to advise the donated tree for the downtown will wait a year for the project to be complete.

Other

Halloween

The Halloween event was great. The group commented on the following items:

- Line up for the parade went smoothly and the parade started on time.
- TTCC did a great job on the haunted hallway
- The Lions Club gave out a ton of hot chocolate
- Concerns were raised about Central Square and the Police coverage. The Committee believed it would be better to have another officer halfway up North Main Street or to shut down North Main Street to vehicle traffic. And then another officer should be located down by the Masons building for crossing purposes. It was mentioned that we could possibly use CERT people next year.
- Recommended doing more Public Service Announcements earlier next year to remind parents to bring flashlights etc as the streets got pretty dark.
- Recommended to have a better notation on our advertisement that indicated the actual Trick or Treating times.

Donations for Hurricane Sandy

The Bristol Police Department and other Departments through the organization of the Police Chief Secretary's Association have gathered donations and will gather donations through November 9, 2012 at 2:00pm. Items such as blankets, flashlights, batteries, underclothes, hygiene products, feminine products, coats, hats, mittens, etc., can be dropped off at the Bristol Police Department. A rental van will be loaded and a group will be delivering the items to New York for victims of Hurricane Sandy. The TTCC will put this information immediately onto the Facebook page. Gylene and Les will check on the possibility of using the Homestead moving truck instead of having to rent a moving van. New Hampton donated \$250 to be used for the possibility of renting a van or whatever other items would need to be purchased. Any payments can be made to NHCOPSA.

Kelley Park

Matt Greenwood closed Kelley Park concession stand with regards to water. Christina will talk to Michael about having the security lights done by Sawicki. Christina will quote the smiley face camera signs through the prison and also JD Design. Les is working on specific signage for the playground equipment through the manufacturer Game Time. Les also will have the Kelley Park Committee begin working on a camera policy.

No new meeting scheduled.