

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2014

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Barbara Greenwood, Gylene Salmon, Hilda Bruno, Lucille Keegan, Chief Yannuzzi, Christina Goodwin, Greg Gorski

Business Members in Attendance: Garlyn Manganiello – Basic Ingredients, Pat Field – TD Bank, Steve Favorite – Favorite Tele. Group, Janet Cote – The Newfound Experience, Diane Masessa – Old Mill Properties, Nicole Goudrea – Earthly Treasures, Chris Goudreau – Aries Electric, Amy Kench – Newfound Experience, Kim Smith – Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

Events:

- 4th of July – Joe Denning wasn't able to attend the meeting today, but we have confirmed that the 4th of July and the fireworks will be held at Kelley Park again. The Parade will be on the 4th, but the actual date of the fireworks needs to be confirmed. Les will check on the possibility of having a movie event again for the 4th of July. Christina inquired about the Committee purchasing flags to give out for the parade and the Committee agreed to move forward with purchasing 750 again. Janet mentioned that it would be beneficial if the theme of the parade could get determined earlier so it could be included in advance advertising. This will be mentioned to Joe Denning and the Lions Club.
- Circus – it is not clear if the circus will be in Bristol for one or more days this year. We will need to confirm with the Lions Club.
- Barn Dance – Unfortunately there has been no response from the Inn for the possibility of having a barn dance. Other suggestions were to have the dance at the recreation hall by the lake and to try to get a sponsor to keep the costs down. Or to do the dance in combination with the concert at the Park and use the tent that is there for Old Home Day.
- Movies on the Park – an inquiry was made about holding more movie events on the Park. It was suggested that maybe sponsors would like to do the movie and set up. Maybe if the movie event was every other week, it would be easier for people to commit. Les thought it would be good to have a group of “movie critics” to pick the movies. Christina mentioned that the Town does have a set of speakers and she will check to see if these can be used by the Committee for these events. A concern was raised that there is no alternate viewing site when a license is purchased. If the event is scheduled to be outside, it cannot be moved inside due to rain, and can only be cancelled. Janet Cote and Kim Smith volunteered to work with a small sub-committee to see what is involved in doing this. Les will meet with the Baseball Commission to discuss.
- 5K – Garlyn mentioned that there used to be a Firecracker 5K on the 4th many years ago and was wondering if there was any interest in doing this for this year. Garlyn will check with Donna Evans and/or Karen Schaffner to see if either of them remembers who previously sponsored. Gylene will check with Chief Lewis to see what implications there are to having a 5K on the 4th of July taking into consideration traffic and routes.
- Downtown events – It was suggested that the Committee look at having art exhibits and book signings for Saturday mornings in the downtown area green space. Garlyn will bring some suggestions to the

next meeting. Janet will approach the Select Board regarding the green space and its use, as this could require policies to be created, hours of usage to be assigned and establishment of a permit process.

- Other – Another suggestion of looking into having a Christmas stroll involving area businesses for the holidays was recommended. This will be kept on the list for consideration as we move forward.

Concerts

The Committee agreed to a start date for the concerts of July 10th. There will be seven (7) concerts as normal with one week off in August when the Rotary has its Penny Sale.

Contracted Coordinator

Les inquired if the Committee is ready to move forward with Claire Moorhead as the contracted coordinator. Claire creates the brochures from information gathered by the Committee, schedules the concert line up and creates all advertising associated with the concerts. Garlyn mentioned that we should consider other people for her position, keeping it local if possible. Les will get a list of all the work that Claire does under her contract to be reviewed for the next meeting.

Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board in the downtown area was discussed at the last Select Board meeting. Concerns raised by the Select Board included vandalism and keeping the Bulletin Board updated and organized. They felt that this was a disaster previously. The Committee feels that the Square is improved and therefore the Bulletin Board would be better utilized. Lucille suggested that we consider something placed on the green space at the corner of North Main Street and Pleasant Street, if the Town owns. Christina believes that piece is owned by the Town but will double check. Janet will bring this to the Select Board to inquire about the alternate space.

Other

A suggestion of having a flyer of past history was discussed. Newfound Experience would like to do a Facebook post and would like some pictures from Ray Courchaine and Lucille Keegan if possible.

Pat Field of TD Bank would like to work on shop local events and get the businesses more involved. Barbara Greenwood will help with this.

Garlyn reached out to Steph Murray regarding a Mooseman or some type of race to be brought back to Bristol. She has also been in touch with a Jenna Ginsberg. It is planned to have something back in June of 2015. She would like to develop a small core committee to discuss this project. Garlyn will schedule a meeting with Janet, Chief Yannuzzi, Chief Lewis and herself to start.

The Christmas Tree Lighting event was a great event. Approximately 75-100 people attending. Even the bitter cold didn't stop people from attending. Christmas caroling was a great hit. Although, there were last minute issues with Santa, set up and logistics, it all worked out in the end.

The next scheduled business meeting is February 19, 2014 at 8:00am at the TTCC.