

Bristol Community Events Committee

January 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Present: Marjie Gorman, Everett Begor, Scott Stephens, Claire Moorhead, Nicole Goudreau, Hilda Bruno, Lucille Keegan, Leslie Dion

Tree Lighting Evaluation: Hilda reports that they would like to have more activities in the downtown. They want to put larger wreaths on the poles next year. Steve Favorite has purchased some new lights. This year the tree was donated by Sandy Hawkins. Kevin French from Campton has offered to donate the trees from here on out. He used to donate the tree to the Town of Plymouth but they have now planted one so he would like to do this for us.

The speaker system does not work great. Ray Courchaine said that we just need to purchase a new soundboard. The system belongs to the town.

They would like to start earlier in the day with activities. Les said that Barb Greenwood had said that we will no longer be doing the craft fair but the One Stop Christmas Shop will continue. They would like to get more involvement from the businesses. It was good this year but we can do better.

Everett reports that the Bristol Lion's Club only gave out 40 hotdogs. They usually give out about 360. He thinks that being in the TD Bank Parking lot did not give them great visibility. Les explained that there had been some confusion over whether the Lion's were participating again this year so they had not planned on them. Also, with concerns from last year about putting the wagon in the downtown by the businesses we need to find an alternate space. She said that she thought we were going to look at the parking lot by the old Community Services parking lot for them to be. Everett felt that this would be a better space. Next year we need to get the word out that everything is free.

Spring Planning: Everett asked how we get the word out about events to avoid duplication or stepping on other groups event dates. He said that many years ago he set up a website in Plymouth with a community calendar that you could go to for checking what dates have nothing going on.

Scott said that the Plymouth Chamber has this on their site. You can go in and submit your event and they will add it to the calendar of events. It would be great to have more groups take advantage of this. We discussed contacting the organizations in the surrounding towns to let them know about this opportunity. Les will contact each town and ask for contacts for the different non-profits that run events in their towns. We can then send them the info on how to get their info on the Chamber site.

Parade: Everett said that Janice Dellacroce has helped the Lion's Club with the line-up of the parade and he has done the line-up of the antique cars. He said the Lion's are willing to help with the parade still but do not want to be in charge of it. Les will e-mail Joe Denning to see if he has any of the parade procedures written down that we could get to put together a timeline of things to do. Scott said that Steve Rand has a good procedure schedule that we could probably get a copy of. Les will e-mail Steve to see if he will share it with us.

Circus: Everett reports that the Lion's Club will be meeting with the Bristol Selectboard regarding having the circus again this year. He said that the club had been unaware of any damage done to the field last year until a few weeks ago. Les said that she thinks the damage was minimal but that the bigger issue is concern that if we have a wet year they do not have a back-up plan to stay off of the field. Everett said that one thing people are not aware of is the amount of money spent in the community while they are here. They do close to \$1,000 in grocery shopping while here and also purchase all of their grain and hay locally for the animals. They also purchase their fuel here to run everything. The dates that they are looking at for the circus are July 6th & 7th. He will let us know how it looks after the Selectboard meeting.

Concert Dates: Claire reports that typically we have 7 weeks of concerts but if we start on July 2nd this year it will mean we have 8. She has booked two bands already – Uncle Steve Band & Club Soda. We will also be booking a Beatles tribute band called Studio II if we start on 7/2 as this is the only date they can do. It was agreed that we would start on that date. It was suggested that we could do an Open Mic Night and that Steve Furbish might be willing to run it for us as he does this at the Mill. We could also use one or two nights to book local bands such as the New Horizon's Band and Kid Jazz. Claire said that many of the bands have gone up on price so this might help out with the budget. We should be able to go back to the Old Town Hall in the event of rain. It was agreed that we would like to bring back the Jordan Tyrell band.

Everett shared with us the dates for the Hebron Concert series. He asked if we had checked out the NH Performing Arts website. If you hire one of their performers you

can get grant funds to help pay for it. Hebron also puts out a donation bucket at each concert.

Claire said that we need to figure out the refreshments and see if Greg wants to do this again. She said that we need to remember that we supply water to the bands on concert night. She suggests we have a cooler set up for them and just set it out under the pavilion.

Hilda reports that Rite Aid may be interested in donating items for this.

Old Home Day: Les asked if we want to go forward with the same inflatables and water wars game again this year. It was agreed that these are popular and we should do them again. We also discussed seeing if we can rent the Dunking Booth from them. Les will also order the tent, tables and chairs.

Hilda said that it is important that we get the word out now that we will be looking for people to do demonstrations that day. We can send out a 'Save the Date' post and say we are looking for demos, volunteers and crafters.

Chamber News: Les reported that the Plymouth Chamber will be merging with the Pemi Valley Chamber and the Squam Chamber to form the Central NH Chamber. She said the reorganization will give each of these regions more representation on the Board. She feels that it is a great move and that this will be a fresh start for the Newfound region as well to feel more invested in the Chamber.

It was suggested that we see if Scott could come to our Business meeting to talk to that group about this change. Les will check with him. If he can do it she will get this info out to the business list that he sent us as well as our typical list. Lucille suggested we get a press release out on this as well. Claire said she can help with this.

Decorating Committee Update: Lucille reports that this went very well and that they want to go with bigger wreathes next year. She reminded us that we had talked about having some type of weekend entertainment during the summer on the common. We should start planning what we want so that we can book it. Also we might want to do some type of art show. We talked about the new program that is taking off where you can go and do a painting with a group of friends in a studio. Everyone does the same picture and some of them offer a 'wine and paint' package. This might be a good activity to bring here.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 2/11/15 at 10 am. The Business Meeting will be held on 2/18/15 at 8 am.

Lucille moved to adjourn at 11:30 am. Marjie seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Dion